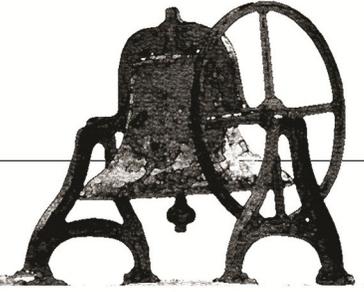


Jan/Feb 2019

Happy
New Year

Valmont

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CELEBRATING *150 years* OF GOD’S FAITHFULNESS!



Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



THE FELLOWSHIP OF PRESBYTERIANS



Pastor Eric

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.” Romans 8:1-2

It would be difficult to overstate the importance of the epistle to the Romans. The Apostle Paul is easily one of the most influential authors in human history, as he dramatically shaped early Christianity, stands as the strongest theological voice of the New Testament, and has shepherded the path of pretty much every Christian leader for the past 2,000 years. Romans, more so than any of his other writings, has shaped the theology and practice of the Church.

Apart from the Christian tradition as a whole, Romans has also served as a mentor for my own pursuit of holiness. I first encountered it through the Reformed and Evangelical traditions of my childhood churches. I wrote a commentary-of-sorts on it as I came back to faith following undergrad. I grappled with it throughout my seminary education. And yet I could never confidently claim that I had a handle on this magisterial work.

Over the summer I became troubled by this reality — that Romans has been so important to my life of faith, and yet I’ve struggled to understand how it operates as a whole. I was wary to preach from it, since I didn’t know how I could consider a single passage without doing violence to the book as a whole. I believed that it was finally time to get a handle on the epistle to the Romans (something a friend of mine claimed is the most Protestant thing I’ve ever said).

And so, since September, I’ve been grappling with this letter on a daily basis. Reading it, praying it, and exegeting it. And though no one should claim to have a handle on this letter, I do believe that I have a better sense of it than ever before.

And now I need to fearfully heed the call to teach it.

This is where you all come in. As I’ve been discerning why God would lead me to study Romans at this time, it has become clear that this is a text that I am supposed to teach within this community. However, I do not believe that I can do it justice by preaching 50 or so twenty-minute sermons on it. Instead, I will be offering a course throughout Lent where we will attempt to get a bird’s eye view of the letter as whole. We will meet on Tuesday evenings for dinner and lesson starting on 3/12 and going through 4/16. The six week course will proceed as follows:

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Ask a friend to join you.

You Have A Friend At Valmont!

Sunday School: 9 am

Worship Service: 10:30

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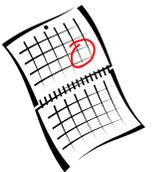
Dr. Andrew Brown

Accompanist:

Stella Pradeau

Calendar

- 1/6 - Worship at 10:30am,
Education Hour at 9:00am, Epiphany Sunday
- 1/8 - Deacons at 10:30am,
Round Pantry at 2:00pm,
Session at 5:45pm
- 1/13 - Worship at 10:30am,
Education Hour at 9:00am
- 1/15 - Worship Team at 10:00am
- 1/20 - Worship at 10:30am,
Education Hour at 9:00am, Communion
- 1/22 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm
- 1/27 - Worship at 10:30am,
Education Hour at 9:00am
- 2/3 - Worship at 10:30am,
Education Hour at 9:00am
- 2/5 - Worship Team at 10:00am
- 2/10 - Worship at 10:30am,
Education Hour at 9:00am
- 2/12 - Deacons at 10:30am,
Round Pantry at 2:00pm
- 2/17 - Worship at 10:30am,
Education Hour at 9:00am, Communion
- 2/19 - Session at 5:45pm
- 2/24 - Worship at 10:30am,
Education Hour at 9:00am
- 2/26 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm



Weekly Activities

Sunday: Iglesia meets 3:00-5:00 pm

Tuesday: Women's Association meets
Third Tuesday at 10 am

Session, third Tuesday at 5:30 pm

Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

Wednesday:

Choir 5:45—7:15

Every Thursday: Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

Parkinson's yoga group 11:30-2:pm

Every Friday – Valmont Victors 8-10 pm

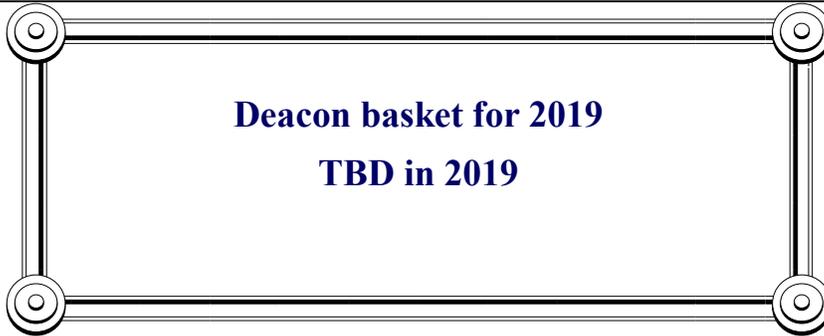
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- 3/12 - "The Life and Mind of Paul - An Introduction to Romans"
 3/19 - "The Faithfulness of God - Romans 1-4"
 3/26 - "True Humanity - Romans 5-8"
 4/2 - "The Scope of God's Faithfulness - Romans 9-11"
 4/9 - "God's Call to Worship, Holiness, and Unity - Romans 12-16"
 4/16 - "All the King's Men and Women - Putting Romans Back Together Again"

I hope that you will commit yourself to this admittedly difficult and rewarding book. I also hope that you will invite others outside of our church to engage in this Lenten discipline of study. May God draw us all closer to Christ as we submit our minds to shaped by Paul's words. Let us come to know our Lord better.

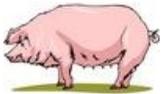
In Christ, Eric



Thanks to Phil Miller for installing lights in the narthex



Pig Roasts and Potlucks



Brunch Casserole - from Debbie Ss' kitchen

- ◆ 1/4 cup unsalted butter, melted
- ◆ 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- ◆ 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- ◆ 2 Tbs. well drained marinated sun dried tomatoes
- ◆ 1/2 lb. (more or less to your taste) cooked, medium crumbled Italian sausage
- * 1 cup cottage cheese
- * 1/8 cup all purpose flour
- * 1/2 tsp. Italian seasoning (drained and patted dry)
- * 5 eggs, beaten

Directions:

Stir all ingredients together. Place in oil sprayed baking dish.

This recipe is for an 8" x 8" baking dish, 400 degrees, middle rack, 20 minutes, serves 4 - 6 people. For a larger crowd, double ingredients, use a 9" x 13" baking dish, bake for 30 - 40 minutes. The top will be browned. Let rest for 5 - 10 minutes.

“Growing in Grace and Knowledge”

(2 Peter 1:3-11, GW) “God's divine power has given us everything we need for life and for godliness. This power was given to us through knowledge of the one who called us by his own glory and integrity. (4) Through his glory and integrity he has given us his promises that are of the highest value. Through these promises you will share in the divine nature because you have escaped the corruption that sinful desires cause in the world. (5) Because of this, make every effort to add integrity to your faith; and to integrity add knowledge; (6) to knowledge add self-control; to self-control add endurance; to endurance add godliness; (7) to godliness add Christian affection; and to Christian affection add love. (8) If you have these qualities and they are increasing, it demonstrates that your knowledge about our Lord Jesus Christ is living and productive. (9) If these qualities aren't present in your life, you're shortsighted and have forgotten that you were cleansed from your past sins. (10) Therefore, brothers and sisters, use more effort to make God's calling and choosing of you secure. If you keep doing this, you will never fall away. (11) Then you will also be given the wealth of entering into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”



In this letter Peter is informing the Christians that God's divine power will give us what we need to walk in integrity and to grow to be the Christian that we are called to be. Being a true Christian it is not something that comes automatically. It is not something we are born into. For example - a child is not born a doctor. A child grows, attends school, and eventually attends higher education. There are years of study and applying what one studies. Being a true Christian means that we are to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, 2 Pe 3:18.

Peter outlines the steps to grow in God's grace.



First we must acknowledge that Jesus is the one that is calling us. As we submit our life to Jesus then we receive His divine nature, (Rom 8:10) “And if Christ *is* in you, indeed the body *is* dead because of sin, but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness.” The Spirit living in us gives us the divine power to live a holy life. The second step is to add integrity to our faith. Integrity is adding honesty, honor, and reliability to our Christian walk. To our integrity we are to add knowledge. This requires reading and studying the Word of God. The fourth step is to add self-control, then endurance. Endurance means that we do not give-up when we have trials. Then we add godliness, which means that we conduct our self in a manner that pleases God. Then we add Christian kindness and

love. If we will add these qualities to our life then we will have an entrance into the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. Christ's glory and divine presence is with us to strengthen us when we need it. Mark Starin

Cheerfulness is contagious, but don't want to catch it from others.



BE A CARRIER!



We need to work on your KISSING skills!



Mission Presentation and Salmon Supper

Adam London will be providing a Salmon Supper on Sunday January 20th at 5:30pm Bring a side dish to share. Put this event on your calendar.



Temple Grandin School

Welcome to 3131 Indian Road, Boulder, Colorado

Open House and Tours Friday, January 25th, 3-5pm

It is time to celebrate and show off our beautiful new learning space in Boulder for 6th - 12th grade students! Tour the campus with a current parent, meet our exceptional teachers and learn about our socio-academic program with targeted executive function support for bright, creative students who learn differently. We will have our Community Room dedication and ribbon cutting at 3pm. School tours will take place from 3:15pm to 5:00pm. We hope you will join us. RSVP's are appreciated, but not required.



A wonderful Christmas Eve Service



Dave's birthday lunch at Avery's

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION—submitted by Cindy

Women's Association has been able to support several local ministries with monetary donations as well as some tangible items in 2018. Each month we donated cookies to Attention Homes, one-time donations of money to Sew More Comfort, Mother House, & Safe House. We also purchased several duffel bags, and encouraged the congregation to join us in collecting new, or slightly used, duffel bags for foster kids to use when moving from one home to another. Pictured is Samantha Frazee, who works for Boulder County Dept. of Social Services, receiving the 15 bags we collected.

All women of Valmont are encouraged to join us at 10:00 a.m. the 3rd Tuesday of each month as we continue to spread Christ's love to others in both our congregation and the community around us.



Operation Christmas Child.

Randy & Linda's friend Kathy, pictured here, inspired me to plan on filling more Shoeboxes in this coming year. I won't try to compete with her 53 (yes, she filled them all herself), but I do plan to fill 10 & am encouraging others to fill at least one more box in 2019 than in previous years. I plan to purchase 10 items per month (January-October) to go into the boxes, and put a little aside for postage. Operation Christmas Child furnishes a list of suggested items to purchase, when on sale, throughout the year. Blessing, Cindy



Bed and Breakfast



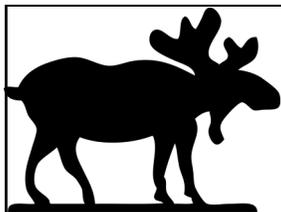
The Property Committee has the winter fertilizing system in full force this month.



The Pantry at Westview Presbyterian Church in Longmont is doing well and serving a lot of people's needs. Come join the mission every **Second** and **Fourth** Tuesday.



HIGHLANDS HIGHLIGHTS



**Highlands – A Sanctuary for the Spirit, a School for the Mind,
a Joy for the Heart and a Shelter in the Storm.**

Year end has been a true blessing for Highlands. The first distribution of an estate has been received in the amount was \$253,700.00. A matching gift for the Christmas auction was also received in the amount of \$15,000 along with almost \$6,000 from the Anna Fenicle trust and other year end donations from many generous donors. Maria was able to pay off the Line of Credit in the amount of \$72,000, made the interest payments on the mortgage and the line of credit, and made a principal payment on the mortgage of \$60,000 meeting the minimum principal payment required for the year. She has also paid the year end bills and has money for the year end payroll. 2018 is ending with a positive balance in the bank accounts. This is the best financial position that Highlands has been in in many years. Plans are being made for necessary maintenance including work on the road into Highlands. 2019 promises to be an exciting year ahead.

The annual Christmas party was a great success with approximately 120 people in attendance and approximately \$20,000 raised in the auctions. The kitchen staff provided wonderful appetizers. One individual asked who had catered the event and thought it was equivalent to what one would find at an upscale hotel or restaurant. Our own Marilyn Howard provided the music which was enjoyed by all.

Please keep the ministry of Highlands in your prayers along with the very generous donors, the staff, the volunteers and the Highlands Camp Committee!! They do an amazing job to keep Highlands running!!

Blessings!!
Ruth Lewis
Highlands Camp Committee



Eric's Preaching Schedule

Date	Scripture	Title	Series	Church Calendar
January 6	Matthew 2:1-23	Where Are You Leading?	[one off]	Epiphany Sunday
January 13	Acts 1:1-11; Isaiah 2:1-5	Missional vs. Attractional	Missional Neighbors	
January 20	Acts 10:9-16	Accepting Pluralism	Missional Neighbors	Communion
January 27	Proverbs 14:19-21; Philemon 1:1-7	What Are Friends For?	Missional Neighbors	
February 3	Acts 17:16-23; Nehemiah 2:11-18	Knowing Your Neighborhood	Missional Neighbors	
February 10	1 Corinthians 9:19-23; Luke 18:9-14	Right Words, Wrong Words	Missional Neighbors	
February 17	1 Corinthians 3:1-9; John 12:20-26	Cultivating the Soil	Missional Neighbors	Communion
February 24	Jeremiah 29:4-14; Romans 12:14-21	Being a Blessing	Missional Neighbors	

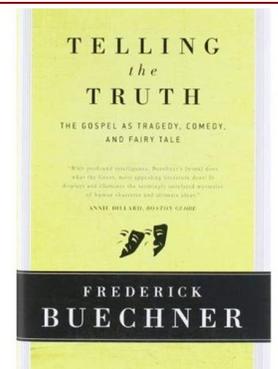
It's Greek to Me

The five books of Moses—Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy—are called the Pentateuch by Christians, from the Greek word for “five books”.

To Jews, these books are known collectively as the Torah, from the Hebrew word for “laws”, because within the stories they tell, that is what they're really all about.

Adult Education

“The Gospel is bad news before it is good news.” Or at least that’s what the Presbyterian Minister and author Frederick Buechner asserts in his thought-provoking book, *Telling the Truth: The Gospel as Tragedy, Comedy, and Fairy Tale*. The adult education class will begin studying this book together on Sunday, 1/13. Please pick up a copy and join us at 9:00 am in the classroom!



It's your Vintage

Anyone who would like to contribute articles, pictures, recipes or anecdotes, please submit by the 20th prior to publication month to **Mike Greever** via email at mgreever@rmprohomes.com or give to **Ella in the office**

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