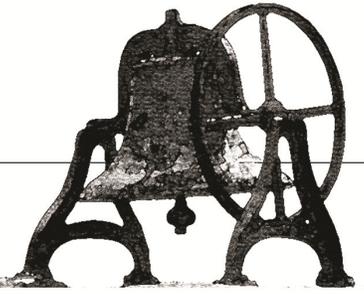


July/Aug 2015

Valmont VINTAGE



CELEBRATING *150 years* OF GOD’S FAITHFULNESS!

Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



Pastor Eric

It is difficult to believe that an entire year has passed since moving here to Colorado. You have shared in a number of my trying circumstances as I've faced family deaths, health scares, and the necessary path towards making a new place a home. Thank you for the role you've played in this process.

As I've been reflecting on our past year together, I've been going back over some of the sermons that I've preached, hoping to pull together some coherent thread that has united them. The five major sermon series I've delivered have covered Philippians, The Grand Narrative of Scripture, The Sermon on the Mount, The Lord's Supper, and The Ten Commandments. Looking at these five together, I believe their unifying theme

to be: God is fiercely committed to creation, which can be seen in the mission of Jesus continued in us through the Spirit.

Because of God's desire to rule the earth with humans, God has worked with a fallen world that tends back towards uncreation by inaugurating the covenant with Abraham for the rescue and restoration of the world. Out of faithfulness to the covenant, God liberated the Children of Israel from bondage in Egypt, entered into relationship with them, and gave them the Torah to guide them in how to fulfill the covenant. However, since Israel was also a part of fallen creation, it could not fulfill the Torah; it could not complete the covenant. The Pharisees believed that strict observance of the Torah could accomplish this, so they found every jot and tittle of the law, and made new rules to ensure the Torah would be followed to the letter. But then a new teacher rose up in Israel, one who taught with an authority beyond rules and regulations. Jesus of Nazareth boldly proclaimed that God's Kingdom (the reign of God on earth) was beginning in him -- in this Kingdom proper observance of the Torah wasn't about God being revealed on tablets of stone, but rather God's Spirit being engraved onto human hearts. Israel, however, wanted a

nationalistic Messiah to throw off the yoke of Rome as Moses had led the Hebrews out of Egypt, so they rejected Jesus' enthronement on a cross and submission to enemies. Yet God vindicated Jesus in his Resurrection from the dead and Ascension to be seated at the right hand of the Father. The Spirit has now been given to the Church as the first fruits of New Creation, which has assured us that we are Children of God and Citizens of God's Kingdom. It is now our calling to live out the Christ Life before the world, proclaiming the good news that Jesus is Lord!

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Ask a friend to join you.

You Have A Friend At Valmont!

**No Sunday School
Worship**

Service: 9:30

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Boulder

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Bulletin Board

Elders:

Shirley Crowe *Mike Greever*
Rex Craig *Ella Travis*

Clerk of Session: *Joyce Glazer*

Deacons:

Don Lewis *Anne Harris-Cross*
Cindy Sexton

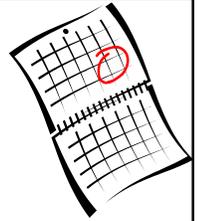
Treasurer: *Ruth Lewis*

Church Administrator: *Ella Travis*

Choir/Worship Leader:
Mary Chapin Durling

Accompanist: *Madoka Asari*

Calendar



June 28 -	Outdoor Service	
July 1	Worship Team	at 3:00 pm
July 4	Independence Day	
July 13	Deacons	at 7:30 pm
July 14	Round Pantry	at 2:00 pm
July 19	Communion	
July 21	Session	at 5:30 pm
July 26	Outdoor Service	
July 28	Round Pantry	at 2:00 pm
Aug 5	Worship Team	at 3:00 pm
Aug 8	Presbytery at First United Pres. Loveland	
Aug 10	Deacons	at 7:30 pm
Aug 11	Round Pantry	at 2:00 pm
Aug 16	Communion	
Aug 18	Session	at 5:30 pm
Aug 23	Outdoor Service	
Aug 25	Round Pantry	at 2:00 pm
Sept/8	Round Pantry	at 2:00 pm
Sept 9	Worship Team	at 3:00 pm
Sept 13	Sunday School	at 9:00 am,
	Worship	at 10:30 am

Weekly Activities

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

Every Tuesday: Women's Association meets
 Second Tuesday at 10 am

Art group meets 4th Tuesday at 9:30 am

Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

Every Wednesday:
 Yoga Class 9 am

Tremble Clef Choir 11am

Session, third Wednesday at 5:30 pm

Choir practice starts in September

Every Thursday: Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

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

Every Friday – Valmont Victors 8-10 pm

Volunteers to Help Setup and Take Down

The Annual Picnic for the Boulder Parkinson's Support Group will be July 21, 2015 at Valmont, 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

We are look for volunteers from Valmont in helping set up, say at 10:30, and closing up afterward. Randy and Linda Smith will provide some music for out listening pleasure as they have done in the past. The picnic draws the largest attendance (about 50+) to support group meetings which tells me People with Parkinsons (PwP) just want to have some fun and socialize rather than hear from doctors, care givers, etc. Valmont's large parking lot and easy wheel-chair, walker, etc. access (no steps), and of course, the lake bring the folks out.

Thanks,
 Bob Travis



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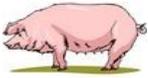
In brief, that is the Biblical narrative. It also happens to be a short account of my preaching this last year. It may very well end up being what I preach on for many years to come.

The amazingly good news of the gospel remains the same -- how we proclaim it to this world continues to change and adapt and expand. I look forward, with hope and joy, to another year of declaring that Jesus is Lord alongside you all. I look forward to the Spirit's movement in our midst.

For the love of Christ,
Eric



Pig Roasts and Potlucks



Grandma Wohlmacher's Rhubarb Crisp

Beat together: 1 egg, 3/4 c. sugar, 2 T. flour.

Blend in 3 c. finely chopped rhubarb

Pour into greased 8" x 8" baking dish

Cover w/topping and bake 350 degrees for 40 minutes.

Topping: Mix together w/fork: 4 T. soft butter, 1/3 c. firmly packed brown sugar & 2/3 c. flour

ENJOY! Submitted by Cindy



Diane's Cherry Pie

Ingredients:

Crust: * 2 c. flour,
* 1/2 tsp. salt.

* 1 c. butter (or butter-flavored Crisco)
* 1/4 c. cold water

Filling: * 4 c. fresh (or frozen) pitted pie cherries,
* 1 T. tapioca * 4 T. flour
* 1 1/3 c. sugar * 1 1/2 T. lemon juice.

Instructions

Bake 375 degrees for approx. 50 minutes. ENJOY! Submitted by Cindy



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Bidding farewell to Judy Holmes before she moved to Boise.



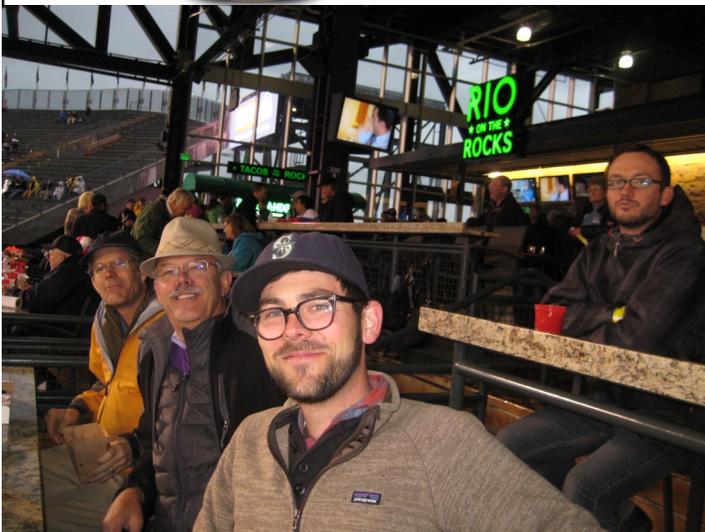
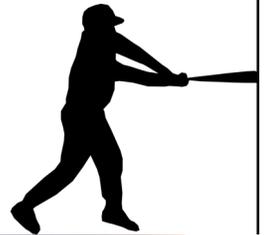
Cindy and her granddaughter Erika at Attention Homes. Erika actually did most of the work w/ the cookies and ALL of the art. She made one trip to backyard to gather her materials and used everything she brought in. Great eye!



Jeannette Rogers enjoying her 90th birthday celebration in May.



Rockie's Game



Sitting in the RIO on the Rocks



Deacons' Caring Basket

Just a reminder that the July Caring Basket is School Supplies and that the August basket will be items for Bags of Grace again (especially sample/travel size toiletry items). See **Cindy, Don or Anne**

Day Trips

Are there places in Colorado that you have not seen, or have not been to visit in a long time? Cindy and Ruth Lewis are working on a "Bucket List" of places for day trips and would love to have others join them. They are looking at towns and communities, museums and places of interest to visit on a Saturday. A few of the places on the list so far include Jamestown, The Molly Brown House and the Wild Life Sanctuary. They are open for suggestions of places to add to the list. We will set up a schedule to start when Cindy returns home from her "other home." Please talk to Ruth if you are interested.



HIGHLANDS HIGHLIGHTS

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

Many exciting things are happening at Highlands. Summer camp is underway. It is great to see the happy faces of children on the grounds. The summer staff training has included daily Bible study and worship, First Aid, CPR and AED. They have also had training on the zip line, rock climbing and the challenge course. The enthusiasm is very high! Highlands passed their state licensing inspection with flying colors!

The Development sub-committee is sponsoring the annual "Seeing is Believing" events on Friday evenings: June 26th, July 17th and July 24th. These events begin at 4:00 p.m. with tours of Highlands and include a picnic dinner and the Summer Camp Closing Program. If you would like to join the campers and staff for a fun evening, call Highlands so they can plan dinner for you. The phone number is 303-747-2888.

I hope you will keep the Highlands ministry in your prayers. It is your support that makes this ministry possible.

Blessings!!

Ruth Lewis

Highlands Camp Committee

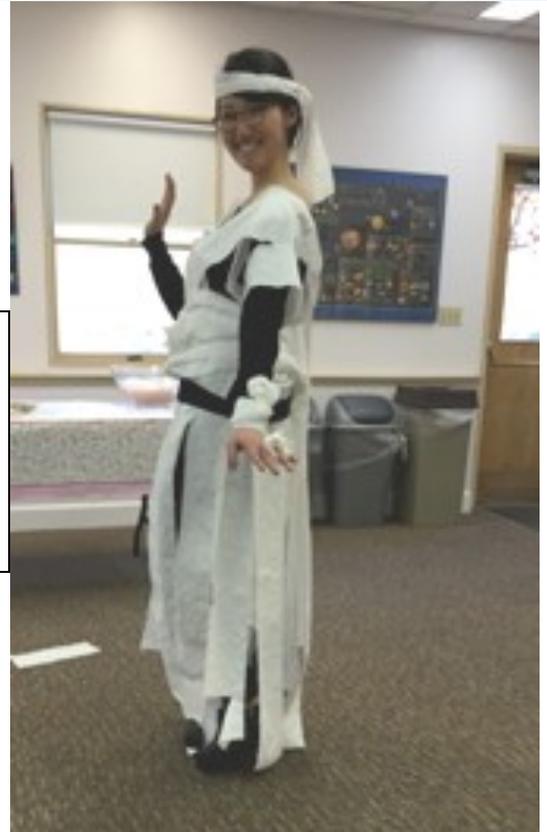


Mandy's wedding shower



Madoka's Bridal Shower

The women of the church surprised Madoka with a wedding shower. This is her reaction when she discovered that the party was for her!



Madoka modeling the wedding dress which was fashioned from the finest toilet tissue available, by the ladies attending her bridal shower.

Bags of Grace and Bags for Sleeping

Snow on Mother's Day! Not too unusual for Colorado, and for most of us just a nuisance. But what if you were homeless and living on the street?

Valmont friend, Jaheem Hilts, suggested to the Deacons something that the homeless can really use are lightweight sleeping bags. The Boulder Homeless Shelter Winter Sheltering Program closes at the end of April. That means that the winter shelter clients must spend their nights on the street May through October.

The Deacons found a source of sleeping bags for about \$15 each and ordered 10 bags. They arrived just in time to distribute prior to the snow and cold in mid May. Five of the bags went to The Source, Attention Homes' Runaway & Homeless program for youth on the street. They were very excited to receive them! The rest of the bags went directly to adults on the street and the Bridge House, which serves Boulder's Homeless. The Deacons plan on purchasing more bags for The Source and Bridge House to distribute.

Additionally we put together 35 Bags of Grace for the homeless in May. Thank you so much for supporting this ministry and distributing the bags. Anne



Corrections/additions to the Members and Friends list.

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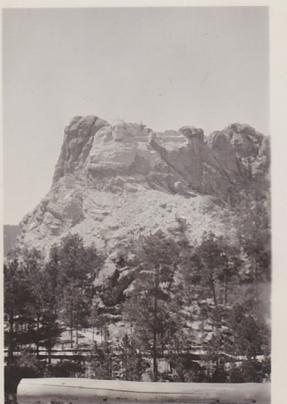
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Black Hills Trip



In the 1930s and 1940s, my father worked for Caterpillar tractor out of Denver. One time he had to take an engine up to Mt. Rushmore. He made several trips during the construction. There was also a conservation corp camp in the Black Hills which used Caterpillar tractors. I found a few very small photos that he had taken on those trips. I scanned them and was surprised to find one was an early picture showing George Washington and the start of another head to the right of Washington. In reading, I found that Borglum originally wanted to put Jefferson to Washington's right. The rock kept fracturing when he started working on Jefferson, so Borglum blasted it off and put Jefferson to the left. My father also took the first tractor into Red Rocks to start work on the amphitheater. I have not found any pictures of that.

I showed the pictures to Cindy. Cindy and I decided to take a quick trip of the Black Hills. We enjoyed seeing Crazy Horse Monument and Mt Rushmore. The day we were there was beautiful. The weather during the drive back was less than desirable, but we made it alright. It was a fun trip with lots of laughs!!



Early summer ramblings...



It's only been two weeks without choir rehearsals and already I miss the music, the creation, the people, the laughter and the worship.

It's not that I haven't filled my time with other things. And I do have a VCPC summer to-do list. But music fills and fulfills me in ways that nothing else does.

My husband Russell and I became Quakers shortly after we were married (closing in 39 years this month). That's a lot of years of silent worship and contemplation. And music gives voice—bears witness—as an external expression of internal thoughts that I am most comfortable holding in silence.

Music also has two other remarkable attributes for me. One can sing a piece of music and hear the echo of voices that have sung the same music for hundreds of years. That connection to the past—in such a dynamic and present way—is the stuff of mystery and wonder to me.

Which leads me to another mystery and wonder—the creation of worshipful expression that moves beyond the words and notes. That place of the soul that shines through when the choir opens their hearts and shares their innermost beliefs.

So, for now, I'll have to remember and revisit those moments from the past year; and wait patiently (or get back to the to-do list) until choir and sweet creation resume in the fall.



Mary
Music Director

Eric's Preaching Schedule

July 5	Exodus 20:15, 17	Stealing and Coveting	Ten Commandments	
July 12	1 Peter 1:1-12	Can This Hope Live?	Letters of Mission	
July 19	1 Peter 1:13-25	A Lamb's Ransom	Letters of Mission	Communion
July 26	1 Peter 2:1-10	The DNA of a Temple	Letters of Mission	
August 2			[Guest Preacher]	
August 9	1 Peter 2:11-25	Of Emperors and Slaves	Letters of Mission	
August 16	1 Peter 3:1-7	Who Needs Morality?	Letters of Mission	Communion
August 23	1 Peter 3:8-22	Being Treated Wrongly for All the Right Reasons	Letters of Mission	
August 30			[Guest Preacher]	

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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