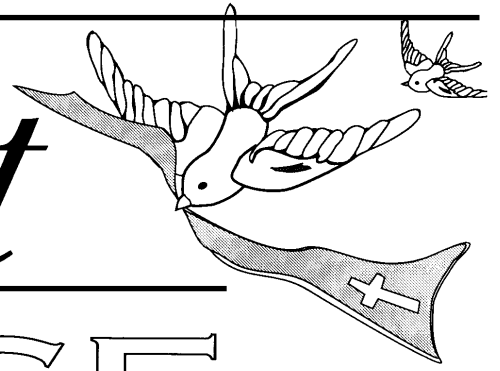


Valmont VINTAGE



Nov/Dec 2010



Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



Happy Thanksgiving & MERRY CHRISTMAS

A Bird's-Eye View ...

Over the years, various people have asked me why Valmont does not have a pledge drive each year. That's a valid question, as it seems like almost all churches have an annual pledge drive as a matter of course. In truth, I don't know why or when Valmont made a decision to forego annual pledge drives. That decision was made (if a conscious decision was made) well before I arrived.

However, I believe that operating as we do allows us to claim two core biblical stewardship principals.

First, our giving is from what we have already been given from God, through Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 16:2) Second, our giving is in gratitude for all we have received from God in Christ. (2 Cor 9:12)

While we do not ask members to turn in a pledge card, we do want you to think and plan intentionally about how you support



Valmont financially - to give your support on a regular, recurring basis throughout the year. Since Valmont has no pledge drive, the church will not send you notices to remind you if you are behind in your pledge. That leaves it up to you. We ask that you be faithful in supporting Christ's work, as Christ was faithful to you.

Valmont Church does not base its budget on pledges we receive. Instead we move ahead to the work Christ has called us, relying that Valmont's budget will be faithfully supported by Valmonters, as they have been blessed and in gratitude for those blessings Christ has given.

in Christ's service,
The Rev

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." Mal 3:10

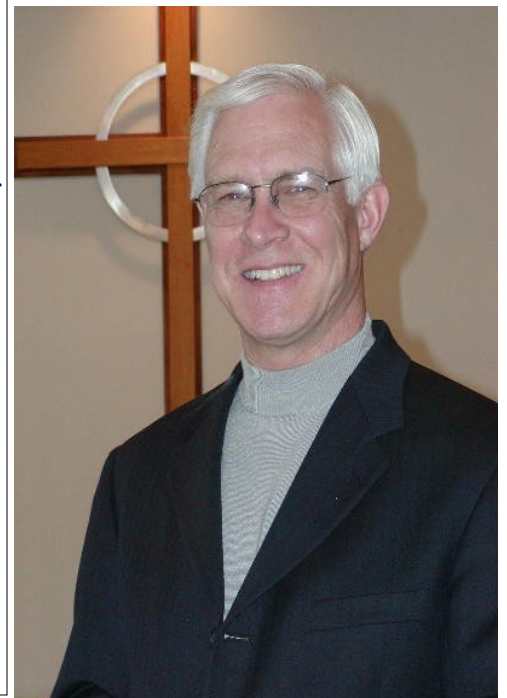
Ask a friend to join you.

You Have A Friend At Valmont!

Sunday School: 9:00
Worship Service: 10:30

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Bulletin Board



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Stella May Montgomery

Ruth Tisdale

Dottyanne Bird



Activities



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

Every Tuesday—Choir meets at 7 pm

Every Thursday – Iglesia meets
7:00-9:00pm

Every Friday – AA meets 8:00-10:00pm

Nov 9 – Woman's Association, 10am

Nov 9 – Card Makers, 1pm

Nov 14 – Annual Congregational Meeting, after
worship

Nov 21 – Hanging of the Greens, after worship

Nov 28 – Advent begins

Nov 28 – Missions Potluck, Nelsons

Dec 1 – Session

Dec 14 – Woman's Association, 10am

Dec 18 – Caroling with Choir

Dec 24 – 7pm Candlelight Service

Dec 24 – 11pm Candlelight Service (Communion)



Christmas Carols?

Can you name these obfuscated Christmas carols?

1. Approach Everyone Who Is Steadfast
2. Hush, the Foretelling Spirits Harmonize
3. Hey, Minuscule Urban Area Southwest of Jerusalem
4. Quiescent Nocturnal Period
5. The Primary Carol
6. What Offspring Abides Thus?
7. Seraphim We Aurally Detect In the Stratosphere
8. The Slight Percussionist Lad
9. The Event Occurred at One Minute after 11:59 p.m. – Visibility Unlimited
10. Are You Experiencing Parallel Auditory Input?

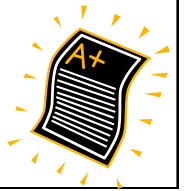


(see page 8 for answers)

Merry Christmas

Christmas Quiz

1. Why did Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem?
2. What animal did Mary ride?
3. What did the angels sing to the shepherds?
4. What did the shepherds do when they saw the star?
5. How many kings came to worship Jesus in the manger?
6. What were their names?
7. What gifts did they bring?



Look in Luke 2:1-20; Matthew 2:1-12 or on page 8 for the answers

PRAISE THE LORD



Pig Roasts and Potlucks

Pumpkin Bread Pudding From the kitchen of Deb Starin

Ingredients:

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| * 8 oz stale French bread, torn into small pieces, about 5 cups | * 2 cups half-&-half, or half milk & half cream |
| * 3 large eggs | * 2/3 cup granulated sugar |
| * 1 can (15 ounces) pumpkin puree | * 2/3 cup brown sugar |
| * 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon | * 3 tablespoons melted butter |
| * 1 teaspoon vanilla | * 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger |
| * 1 cup dried cranberries | |
| * 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg | |
| * cinnamon-sugar, optional | |

Directions:

Butter an 11 x 7-inch baking dish. Heat oven to 350 degrees. In a bowl, cover the torn bread with the half-and-half; set aside. In another bowl, combine eggs, sugars, pumpkin, cranberries, melted butter, spices, and vanilla; blend well. Pour pumpkin mixture over soaked bread and stir to blend. Pour mixture into the prepared baking dish. Sprinkle top with cinnamon-sugar, if desired. Bake for 45 to 60 minutes.

Serve with a vanilla dessert sauce or brown sugar sauce, whipped cream, or ice cream.

If making this dessert for a large crowd, tripling the recipe will yield two 9" x 13" cake pans of bread pudding.



Music Ministry Evaluation

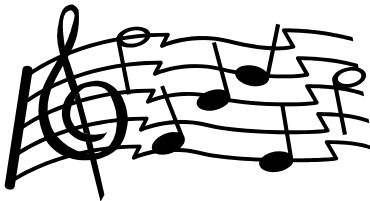


Thank you all for giving your input and suggestions about the music at Valmont. We appreciate your thoughts and will certainly use the ideas you gave us as we move forward with the music. It was so interesting to see the diversity of opinions even in such a small group. There were several people who asked for more contemporary music and just as many who said they would like to sing more traditional hymns. We have committed to providing a worship

service that is a fusion of both contemporary and traditional styles, hoping that it will help both sides of the spectrum to feel comfortable worshipping at Valmont. While it is very important to us to create a comfortable worship environment for those who attend Valmont, we

know it is impossible to please everyone with every song selection. We find comfort by relying on the fact that, with an open heart, a person can encounter God in any style of worship music. Worship is something that we owe God and because He is a loving and giving God, we get many blessings from it as well. As you draw close to God in worship, I would encourage you to keep an open heart and mind to allow God to communicate with you, regardless of the style of music. The texts of many of the songs we sing make great subjects for prayer or meditation, both in the service or during the week. Also, please keep in mind that if the music we sing isn't exactly what you had

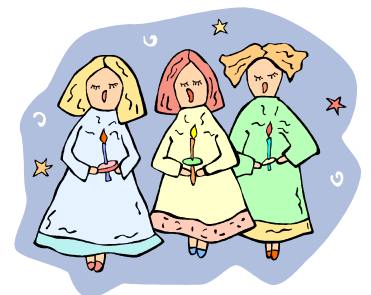
hoped for, it may be just what someone else needed to hear that day. When we select the music for the service, we do so prayerfully and thoughtfully, asking God to use the music for His purposes. We truly value the input we receive from congregation members and will take it to heart as we work in the music ministry. Please continue to share your thoughts with us! - Nicole



CAROLING

Hello Valmonters!

Caroling with the choir is scheduled for Saturday, December 18th. We'll be announcing the details as the date draws closer. Please feel free to join us for a great afternoon of music, fellowship and Christmas cheer! There will be a gathering at the Craig's house after caroling.



DEACONS' NEWS BOX

Deacons news.....

Your Deacons for 2010 are Stella May, Ruth Tisdale and Dottyanne. Please help us do our job! We're waiting to hear from YOU

Caring Basket:

October/November - Operation Shoe Box, Christmas Gifts for International Children

November/December - Boulder County Adopt-a-Family Program, Christmas Gifts for Local Families

From Dottyanne ...

Ho – Ho – Ho! 'Tis the season to be thinking once again about filling shoe boxes for needy children around the world. Last year 8 million children received these expressions of love and concern at Christmas time and this outreach has become a tradition at Valmont. The Women's Association has already decorated boxes for us to fill and the Deacons will package and deliver them to the Operation Christmas Child collection point. If possible, please donate \$7 or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs.

GIFT IDEAS:

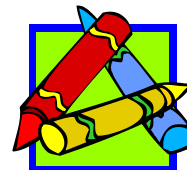


TOYS

small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.



HYGIENE ITEMS

toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

OTHER

Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

A PERSONAL NOTE

In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)



DO NOT INCLUDE:

Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers; aerosol cans

At the local level, please remember that the deacons are eager at all times to help with the needs of our own members and appreciate your help in identifying those who might like a phone call, visit or some other expression of care. Contact Ruth Tisdale, Dottyanne or Ken Crowe



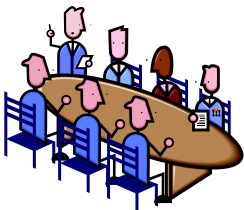
Merry Christmas

Christian One Liners.....

- ♦ *Stop, Drop, and Roll won't work in Hell.*
- ♦ *Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous*
- ♦ *Don't put a question mark where God put a period.*
- ♦ *Don't wait for 6 strong men to take you to church.*
- ♦ *God grades on the cross, not the curve.*
- ♦ *But probably prefers 'fruits of the spirit' over 'religious nuts!'*
- ♦ *Quit griping about your church:
If it was perfect, you couldn't belong.*
- ♦ *If a church wants a better minister,
It only needs to pray for the one it has.*
- ♦ *He who angers you, controls you!*
- ♦ *Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited
Until you try to sit in their pews.*
- ♦ *Many folks want to serve God,
But only as advisers.*
- ♦ *The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose.
But mosquitoes come close.*
- ♦ *God loves everyone.*

Session report

The Session has been working diligently on the 2011 annual budget, which soon will be presented to the congregation for review. We are addressing land, property, equipment and signage issues as we move forward toward the new year. We are in the very beginning phase of researching the feasibility of partnering with a Presbyterian church in Georgetown, Guyana to assist with a mission project in that area. The Session is very supportive of the new adult Sunday School Class, which is studying The Apostles Creed. Our Nominating Committee is working toward the selection of an Elder to replace Cheryl Craig and a new Deacon to replace Stella May Montgomery, as their terms will end this year. Thank you so much, Cheryl and Stella May, for all your sincere efforts and work to assist this church community.



Debbie Starin
Recording Secretary

BEHIND the NEWS: Jesus movements in Muslim countries

For several decades we've heard stories of Muslims coming to Christ in remarkable ways. To be honest, we were skeptical at first, but many such accounts are now well documented. Often the stories relate how Jesus reveals Himself to a seeker in a dream or vision and tells them what to do. Many of these stories go on to tell how, over time, others in the seekers' social networks follow them into worshipping Jesus. The result: not just individual conversions, but "Jesus *movements*."

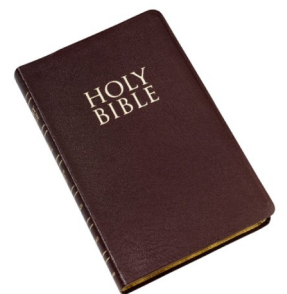
On Saturday we were thinking of Valmont Vintage and happened to see six reports of Jesus movements in a mission periodical. One of them began with a Muslim Sufi master praying earnestly to be shown the way of salvation. He was told in a vision to travel to a specific town and house, where he would meet a man of specific ancestry who would show him how to be saved. He obeyed and eventually this man's many Sufi followers grew into a Jesus movement.



On Sunday at church, the speaker was a well known man who has been working in a Muslim country for many years. As if on cue, he gave more examples of Jesus movements! One was of a young couple in Boise, Idaho preparing for service among Muslims. The wife had a special interest in Iran, and eventually found one lone Iranian girl studying at the university. She gave her a Bible, talked with her, and prayed for her, but then lost contact.



Thirty years of service later, the couple was involved in a conference for Christian workers in Turkey. The wife was surprised to see a large group of Iranians there who were obviously Christians, and asked them about their history. They were all from a specific area where there were many believers, and were heavily involved in Bible translation for a number of people groups there. All these believers had been discipled by a specific clan of Christians, led by one specific family. How did that family come to Christ, the wife wanted to know. They explained that thirty years before one girl had gone to America and studied in a place called Boise, Idaho where she had been befriended and given a Bible.



The Sunday speaker's theme was from God's reminders to Zerubbabel starting to rebuild the temple after exile: *It may not look like much now, but don't despise the day of small things.* And, *"Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord Almighty."* (Zechariah 4:6-10)

Like Jesus said (no matter what the nightly news says), *"I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not overcome it."* (Matt 16:18)

Looking forward to Thanksgiving at Valmont!

Stu & Edith Nelson

Gardening ...

The visiting gardener listened very warily as Mrs Gray, our club's most struggling gardener, described the difficulties she was experiencing in her own garden.

"What would you recommend that I plant" she asked, "in that area which is half clay and half rock, with extremely high acidity, subject to much midday sun and receiving hardly any rainfall?"

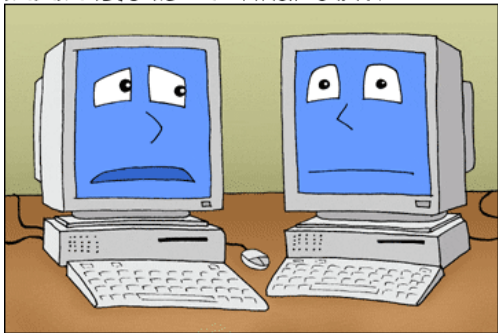
The expert scratched his head and finally ventured, "A flag-pole?" - Submitted by Bob

Did you know ...
 Each King on playing cards
 Represent a King in real history:

Spades: King David
 Clubs: Alexander The Great (Macedon)
 Hearts: Charlemagne
 Diamonds: Julius Caesar

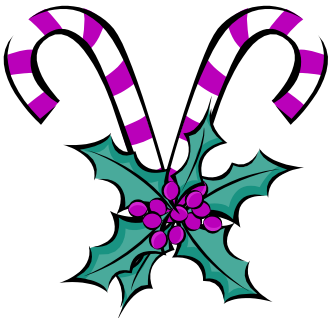


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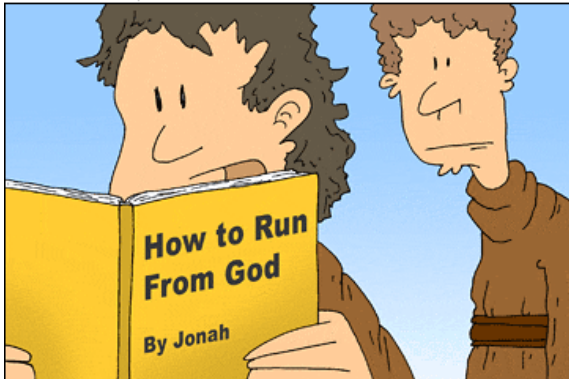


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OH MY NO ... HUMANS DIDN'T INVENT US AT
 ALL ... WE EVOLVED FROM PLASTIC, WIRES,
 AND LITTLE MICRO THINGERS



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IT JUST SAYS "DON'T"

Key for Carols
 1. O Come All Ye faithful
 2. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing.
 3. O Little Town of Bethlehem
 4. Silent Night
 5. The First Noel
 6. What Child Is This?
 7. Angels We Have Heard On High
 8. The Little Drummer Boy
 9. It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
 10. Do You Hear What I Hear?

Christmas Quiz Key: (Luke 2:1-20; Matthew 2:1-12)
 1. Caesar Augustus had ordered a census. (Luke)
 2. There is no biblical record that Mary rode any animal. Joseph was a just a carpenter, so she probably walked.
 3. The angels spoke to the shepherds, they didn't sing. (Luke)
 4. The shepherds didn't see the star, the Magi did. (Matthew)
 5. a. No kings came to worship Jesus. The carol "We Three Kings" has incorrectly im-mortalized the Magi as kings.
 b. Because there were three gifts, tradition has assigned one person per gift, but we don't know how many Magi went to Bethlehem.
 c. Also the Bible records that the Magi found Jesus in a "house," not a manger. Because they had to recognize the birth sign (the star), get organized, travel several hundred miles and stop in Jerusalem first, they probably didn't arrive in Bethlehem till several months or more following the birth.
 6. The Bible doesn't record the names of the Magi. Western extra-biblical tradition has identified them as Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. (Casper or Balthasar, depending on your source, is sometimes represented as being dark-skinned.
 7. The Magi brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. (Matthew)

It's your Vintage

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