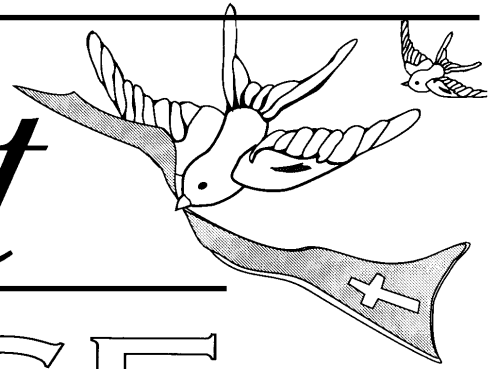


Valmont VINTAGE



Mar/Apr 2011

Valmont Community Presbyterian Church

Bird's Eye View ...

Go to blog link:

<http://revbird.blogspot.com/>

What Happened at Valmont Church?

Well, if you have not been around you probably are not aware that we had a frozen pipe in the heating system above the back of the sanctuary near the back doors. The water ruined a lot of drywall and insulation, carpet and stained some of the wood in the sanctuary and pews. While some water got on the audio system, nothing was dam-

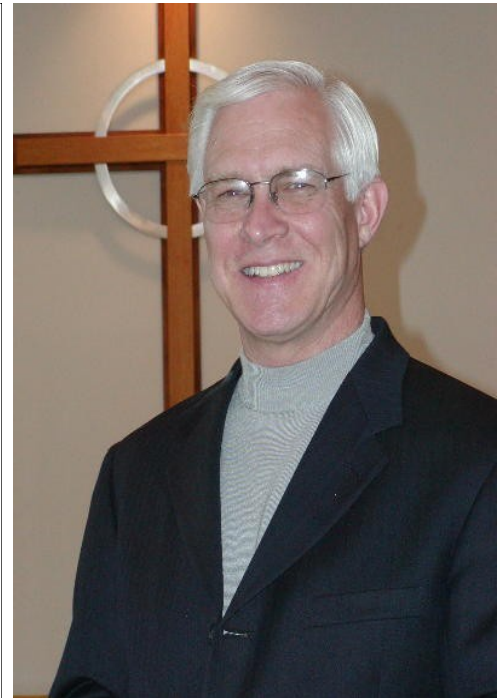
aged. The company ServPro was called and has done a marvelous job of drying us out, rebuilding and getting us back in operation.

In the process, the carpet in the sanctuary, office area and "cave" were replaced. The ladies have picked out a very nice carpet with lots of color in it but no pattern. All of the pews were moved into the fellowship hall and a crew worked to refurbish them. We opted not to re-carpet the foyer but rather tile that area since it gets the most wear (because of the weather).

Since all of the furniture was moved out of the office area we decided to paint and install a new light fixture.

The small bathroom in the office area was changed also from carpet to tile to allow for better cleaning. Fortunately, Stephen was on sabbatical so his study has become the storage area for all of the office "stuff". The phones were out of commission during the carpet laying and the computer was down too. By Sunday, February 27 we were 100% back in commission. The pictures tell part of the story but will surely give you some insight into what we went through.

The Insurance will cover the majority of the cost but some of it will be handled by our members. The pie



auction for the replacement of the dish washer was a big success and the small amount left over will cover some of the tile work, but as always if you feel you would like to make a special offering for helping to rebuild Ella's space, it would be greatly appreciated. -

Link to pictures of damage: <http://www.valmontchurch.org/pdf/vintage/SanctuaryDamage/>

Link to Pie Auction: <http://www.valmontchurch.org/pdf/vintage/PieAuction2011/>

by Don Lewis

Ask a friend to join you.

You Have A Friend At Valmont!

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

3262 N. 61st Street, Boulder
(61st Street & Valmont Road)

Pastor: Rev. Stephen Bird
303-442-2135
www.ValmontChurch.org

Bulletin Board

Elders:

Claudette Moloney-Walpole *Chris Brickey*
David Hustvedt *Joyce Glazier*

Clerk of Session: *Deb Starin*

Deacons:

Ruth Tisdale
Dottyanne Bird
Ken Crowe

Treasurer: *Ruth Lewis*



Activities



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

Every Tuesday—Choir meets at 7 pm

Every Thursday – Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

Every Friday – AA meets 8:00-10:00pm

March 9th = Ash Wednesday

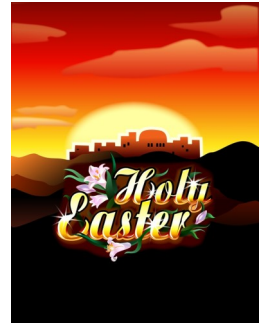
March 12th = turn clocks ahead 1 hour

April 17th = Palm sunday

April 21st = Maundy Thursday

April 22nd = Good Friday

April 24th = Easter Sunday



Pig Roasts and Potlucks

Best Ever Brownies From the kitchen of Debbie Greever

Ingredients:

- * 10 tbsp butter
- * 3/4 cup cocoa
- * 2 large eggs
- * 1 cup walnuts
- * 1 1/4 cup of sugar
- * 1 tsp vanilla
- * 1/3 cup + 1 tbsp flour
- * 1/4 salt

Directions:

Heat oven to 325 degrees, line 8 x 8 pan with foil, coat with cooking spray, melt butter in sauce pan over medium heat. Cook until it stops foaming and browned a bit stirring often about 5 minutes.. Remove immediately, add sugar, cocoa, 2 tsp water, vanilla, salt. Stir to blend. Cool 5 minutes. Add eggs 1 at a time—beating vigorously. When mixture is thick & glossy, add flour beating vigorously 60 strokes. Add nuts. Bake in pan for about 25 minutes.



Yes ...You too can be a Missionary

The Houma, LA mission trip is coming up ... being God hands and feet. We are limited to 25 helpers so hurry and get your name on the list. Here are the details:

Work: We will be working in the Houma/bayous area, as before. We will be working under the supervision of TRAC (Terrebonne Readiness and Assistance Coalition).



Dates: March 26 (Saturday) through April 2 (Saturday)

If you fly: we will plan to rendezvous at New Orleans airport on March 26 at about 2:30pm or earlier. (If there are team members who must arrive later or depart early, we will work that out.)

If you drive: it would still be good to meet at the airport car rental. But we can sort that out later, as well.

Lodging: We will be able to travel lighter this time, as we will be in a church building and bedding will be provided. (You may want to bring a pillow or air mattress.) No sleeping bag needed. Cost: \$12/person/day

Food: They will do the buying and cooking for the team for \$9/person/day. Unless someone wants to do otherwise, I think we should take them up on that. We will also eat in restaurants a few times, I imagine.

EXPENSES:

Room & Board: \$21/person/day (\$147/person/week)

Mini-van Rental & gas: Divided among team (\$150-200?)

Travel: Individual pays.

Other: Personal expenses and dining out.



Take Time for You and God



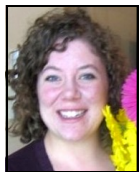
“No one was busier than Jesus. He had many things to do and many lessons to teach in a very short period of time. What did He do? Jesus made it a priority to spend time with the Father. He would rise early, before the dawn, just to pray. There was nothing that was more important than or as pressing as spending time with His Father. If Jesus needed to spend time alone with God, how much more do we need to spend time with Him?”

This quote is from dailydisciples.org, a website that LouAnn told me about. If you haven't found a good daily devotional, nothing is easier to do than set this as a bookmark on your computer, then check it daily for a quick spiritual refresher. The thought's will stay with you through the day, molding you into His image.



Submitted by Dottyanne





Music Ministry



Choir Notes:

A big "Thank You!" to the Craig family to opening up their house (again) for the choir's rehearsal last week! It was a great place to rehearse while the church is undergoing repairs.

For those of you choir members, current and prospective, we will be moving rehearsals back to Tuesday nights starting March 15th. Rehearsal will still take place in the sanctuary from 7-8:30. Also, we will be putting together a handbell choir for Lent and Easter! If you have any interest, please speak with Nicole London about details. We'd love to have you participating in music ministry at Valmont!

Brahms' "Ein Deutes Requiem" in Broomfield!

Some of our choir members have been participating in rehearsals for an upcoming performance of Brahms' "Ein Deutes Requiem." The work includes orchestra, choir, soprano solo and baritone solo that will be sung by Tony London! The performance takes place on Sunday, March 13th at 3:00 at Broomfield United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$10 for 65+ and students, and \$12 for everyone else. (Children under 12 are \$5.) Please visit Broomfieldcivicorchestra.org for more information.



New "family" Members!

WELCOME

What a diverse group, but all expressed the feeling of family as a reason to join. Other words used included "community", "genuineness", and "warmth".

New Valmont members include Judy Holmes, Allan Hull, and Josh and Kara Perme who were received into membership in December 2010.

Judy is the oldest of six siblings. Allan Hull is her brother. She is a software engineer retired from Northrop Grumman. She has a BS in Math and a MRE degree from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. She enjoys database work, as well as writing, cardmaking, and journaling. She came to Valmont because of support she received when her husband was ill. She sings in the choir, works with the children and also with the Cardmakers.

Information on Allan will be included in another Valmont Vintage.



Josh Perme, married to Kara, has a master's degree in divinity with an emphasis on spiritual formation from Denver Seminary. He is a barista, enjoys brewing, jazz, theology, baseball, and learning languages. Josh and Kara both indicate they were drawn to Valmont because of its size and the feeling of community here.

Kara Perme, married to Josh, is a graduate student in science education at CU. Her other degrees are in physics. She loves to read. Josh and Kara live with their Sheltie dog, Bailey.

Members received January 2011 are Yvonne Hammell and Rick Mayber. Their wedding is scheduled for April here at Valmont.

Yvonne is a branch supervisor at Elevations Credit Union. She attended CU and studied dance and musical theater. She has three black belts in martial arts. She is the mother of two children. She likes singing, crafts, martial arts, and boxing. The warmth and friendship of Valmont people drew her here.

Rick has worked in the automotive industry for many years, now at Valley Dodge in Boulder. Twice, he was state champion in karate. He has three sons. He likes to snowboard. Yvonne brought him to Valmont. Rick and Yvonne are excited about their blended family.

Please welcome our new family members.



DEACONS' NEWS BOX

Deacons news...

Your Deacons for 2011 are Ken Crowe, Ruth Tisdale and Dottyanne. Please help us do our job! We're waiting to hear from YOU

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.

Caring Basket:

MARCH	Real Choices - diapers and formula
APRIL	Migrant bags - underwear and toiletries



What is a Valmont Bubble?

Have you heard that Valmont has Bubbles but are not sure what they are and how they work? Well, let me try to remove some confusion - possibly make more confusion.

Bubbles are projects sponsored by someone in the church and approved by the session with possibly minimal funding.

Current Bubbles that I know about are:

Project James which is assistance in the community. This is an adhoc project as needed when the church is approached by an outside group. This project is sponsored by Ruth Tisdale.

The **Gift Card Table** where people purchase grocery and other types of gift cards at face value and the church receives 5% of the value. Projects approved by the session can be funded with the income. The gift card table is sponsored by Don Lewis every Sunday during the fellowship hour.

The **Note Card Table** is where cards are authored by the congregation and sent to shut-ins and those missing from attending for several weeks. The note card table is sponsored by Claudette Walpole every two to three weeks.

Crop Walk for Hunger can be considered a once a year Bubble and is sponsored by Anne Harris-Cross.

VAAG - Valmont Amateur Astronomy Group - This Bubble is a group of Valmont and community people who enjoy Astronomy. It is an outreach of the church to the community sponsoring talks by Astronomers and Engineers in the field. They have a 12 inch telescope located on the church property. The sponsor of this Bubble is Scott Starin. They look to the sky on clear almost warm nights.

Your Bubble could be here.



I know of several other Bubbles which could be started here at Valmont Church. The sponsor is responsible for the organization and recruiting of others to help with the project. When one of these sponsors ask for your help will you consider it? It will not work without your encouragement or direct support.

Thank you, Don Lewis

News from The Session ...

Thank you to all who were able to attend the potluck after church on February 20th. There was a good exchange of ideas following the presentation. The Session appreciates your willingness to offer ideas and suggestions.

We plan on this meeting being only the first of monthly meetings for the congregation to be updated on 'what the in the world' your session is doing for Valmont. Session will also find a place on the bulletin board where information will be posted. The first item will be a copy of the slides which Chris used for the Feb 20th presentation.

For those who were unable to attend the potluck, here is a summary of the discussion. Please talk to Chris Brickey, Joyce Glazier, Dave Hustvedt, or Claudette Moloney if you have questions. Also take a look at the slides as they have more detail than I am including in this article.

During the Elder / Deacon Retreat in January The Session & Deacons did some reflecting and brainstorming to determine:

What is important to Valmont's congregation?

What is unique about our church?

We boiled it down to the following 3 Core Values.

Fellowship

Care for each other like a family

Not afraid to show vulnerability

Congregation of Role Models

Generosity

Generous with money, time and property

Acceptance

Non-Judgmental Congregation

The primary unique attribute of Valmont Church was determined to be the property, lake and building that we have. This mission statement was developed:

Be Christ's witness to the world, using our *physical space* consistent with the Acceptance, Generosity and Fellowship of our congregation.

So how do we go about using this wonderful space to be Christ's Witness? A 6-month goal was established to have 3 events at Valmont Church which allows Valmonters the opportunity to share our Acceptance, Generosity and Fellowship with non-church members. These events will be targeted specifically for groups connected to church members, and currently outside of the church.

In September, Session will evaluate our progress toward the first 6-month goal and seek God's will for the next 6-months.

The Session is looking for your help in generating ideas for these events. A form is on the back table of the sanctuary for you to offer your suggestions. This is not a commitment for you to organize the event, although your help will be appreciated. It is a way for you to communicate ideas to Session. - Joyce Glazier, Elder



SESSION REPORT

Special Meeting for Receiving New Members, December 19, 2010

Item Voted and Approved: Kara Perme, Joshua Perme, Judy Holmes and Allan Hall were unanimously accepted into membership of the church by affirmation of their faith.

Stated Session Meeting, January 5, 2011

Items Voted and Approved:

1. Ruth Lewis was elected Treasurer.
2. Debbie Starin was elected Clerk of the Session.
3. Debbie Starin will have access to the Vectra Bank safety deposit box, while Stu Strickler's name will be removed.



Elder / Deacon Annual Retreat, January 28 - 29, 2011, at Highlands Presbyterian Camp and Retreat Center in Allenspark, CO.

Items Voted and Approved:

1. Claudette Walpole - Maloney was elected president trustee and Chris Brickey was elected vice president trustee.
2. The following elders were elected commissioners to the Presbytery:
Joyce Glazier and David Hustvedt, May 6 - 7, 2011, at Central Presbyterian Church, Longmont, CO
Joyce Glazier and Chris Brickey, August 13, 2011, at First Presbyterian Church, Otis, CO
Joyce Glazier and David Hustvedt, October 28 - 29, 2011, at Mtn. View Presbyterian Church, Loveland, CO
3. Communion dates for 2011 are February 20, March 20, April 17 and 22, May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21, September 18, October 2 and 23, November 20, December 18 and 24, and January 15, 2012. Communion is also approved for the Women's Retreat, with the date to be determined and assuming that a minister of the word and sacrament is available.
4. Special offerings for 2011 are: (1) One Great Hour of Sharing, April 17; (2) Peace Offering, date TBD; (3) Christmas Joy Offering, date TBD; and (4) Houma Mission Trip Offering, March 6. Additionally, a Pie Auction will be held on February 13 to raise funds for a new dishwasher and other items for the church.
5. A pot luck luncheon will be held after church on February 20, 2011, to discuss the direction and goals of the church.

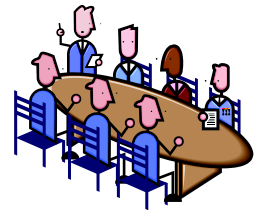
Special Session Meeting for Receiving New Members, January 30, 2011

Item Voted and Approved: Yvonne Hammel and Rick Mabber were unanimously accepted into membership of the church by affirmation of their faith.

Stated Session Meeting, February 16, 2011

Item Voted and Approved: Ruth Lewis, treasurer, will purchase Quickbooks 2011, business version, for approximately \$230.00, using the supplies budget.

Debbie Starin, Clerk of the Session



Quotation—submitted by Claudette

"God is in the details"

Ludwig Mies Van Der Rohe, architect

<p>Never look down on anybody, unless you're helping them up.</p> <p>To realize The value of a sister/brother Ask someone Who doesn't have one.</p> <p>To realize The value of ten years: Ask a newly Divorced couple.</p> <p>To realize The value of four years: Ask a graduate.</p>	<p>To realize The value of one year: Ask a student who Has failed a final exam.</p> <p>To realize The value of nine months: Ask a mother who gave birth to a stillborn.</p> <p>To realize The value of one month: Ask a mother Who has given birth to a prema- ture baby..</p> <p>To realize</p>	<p>The value of one minute: Ask a person Who has missed the train, bus or plane.</p> <p>To realize The value of one-second: Ask a person Who has survived an accident.</p> <p>Time waits for no one. Treasure every moment you have.</p> <p>To realize the value of a friend or family member: LOSE ONE.</p>
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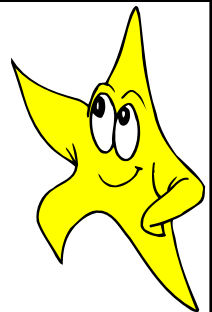


To Everyone at Valmont Church,
I really liked getting the cards and letters you sent while I was in boot camp.
Thank You Adam Glazier



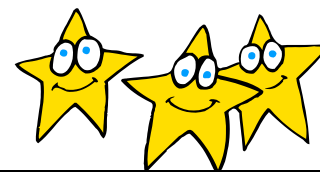
VAAG Update:

There has been good progress with the Valmont Amateur Astronomy Group (VAAG). Our storage facility is finished (less a final coat of paint), and it has weathered the winter without incident. All equipment continues to function properly, and there is no evidence that any moisture is getting inside the facility.



As we look ahead to the new year, we are planning four major events for the VAAG. We are looking to hold two major star parties this year. The first will be in mid April, and we will hold the second major star party in the fall. We are sure to have more less formal events throughout the year, but the spring and fall star-party events will have higher publicity. We discussed holding an "Astronomy 101 lesson" at Highlands Camp for school-aged children as well as a technical discussion from a renounced scientist on the information gathered from NASA's Kepler Science instrument, at Valmont Church. We are excited about the possibilities from these outreach events. Both of these technical events would be held over the summer months.

Also look forward to a new web-VAAG-Blog, coming soon to a



site for the VAAG, as well as a computer near you. - Scott Starin

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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