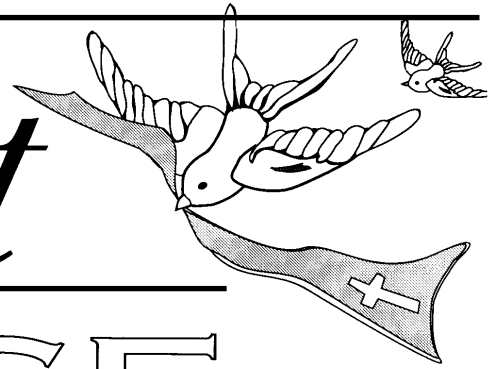


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May/June 2011

Valmont Community Presbyterian Church

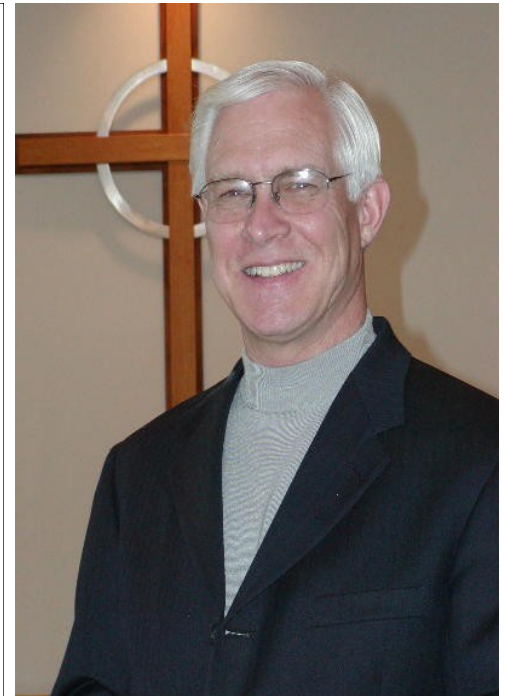
Bird's Eye View ...

God's call is such a strange thing. It is so hard to nail down how it works. I guess it's that whole John 3:8 thing, "The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

Sometimes we struggle with Christ's first call to us - that call to turn away from self and sin, and turn to Jesus Christ as Savior. Then later we struggle with Christ's "second call",

that call to serve Jesus as his disciple. (And everyone should be listening for this second call, not only pastors and missionaries. "Calvin regarded vocation as a calling *into* the everyday world. The idea of a calling or vocation is first and foremost about being called by God, to serve Him within his world." Alister McWrath) My experience has been that it comes to me out of the blue, such as when I was called to seminary. Perhaps for me that is the way it should be. When I get so involved with my own ideas, I think there is too much Stephen and not enough Jesus.

Which brings us to the present. God has unexpectedly placed before me a chance to serve the Kingdom using skills and knowledge I have collected over the last 40 years, not only as a pastor, but also technical and managerial experience I gained while in the Air Force. Wycliffe Bible Translators/JAARS has invited me to fill the Aviation Maintenance Manager position in Waxhaw, NC, that they have been trying to fill for two years. Dottyanne has also been invited to serve as a lead teacher in the early childhood center there. We are working with Session to



determine a departure date.

This change in leadership at Valmont will undoubtedly create some uncertainty and disorder for a time, but I firmly believe that good will come of it. Christ is the Head of the Church, not whoever happens to be the pastor at the time. I pray that during this time of transition Valmont will gain a clarity of vision for its road ahead, see Christ calling, and follow...as Valmont has for the last 147 years.

In Christ's Service,
The Rev

Ask a friend to join you.

You Have A Friend At Valmont!

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

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Treasurer: *Ruth Lewis*



Forbidden fruits
create many
jams.

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

Apr 30 VAAG Star party

May 6 Presbytery Meeting, Central PC

May 7 Presbytery Meeting, Central PC

May 15 Secret Sister Tea— 1 pm

May 22 Last day of Sunday School

May 23 Session, 5:30pm

May 31 – Jun 2 Wee Kirk Conference, Denver

Jun 5 Summer Worship, 9:30am

Art Show – talk to Anne Harris-Cross



Pig Roasts and Potlucks

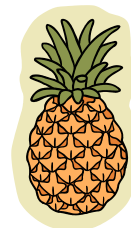
Pineapple Casserole From the kitchen of Debbie Starin

Ingredients:

- * 2 (20 oz.) cans pineapple chunks, reserve juice
- * 3 T all purpose flour
- * 2 c shredded cheddar cheese
- * 1/2 c white sugar
- * 4 T butter, divided and melted
- * 25 Ritz crackers, crumbled

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350. Butter a 2 quart casserole dish.
2. In mixing bowl, blend together 5 T reserved pineapple juice, sugar, flour and 2 T melted butter.
3. Add pineapple and cheese; mix well and pour into casserole dish.
4. Bake for 20 minutes.
5. Reduce oven temperature to 300.
6. Combine cracker crumbs with 2 T melted butter.
7. Sprinkle on top and bake for 20 more minutes

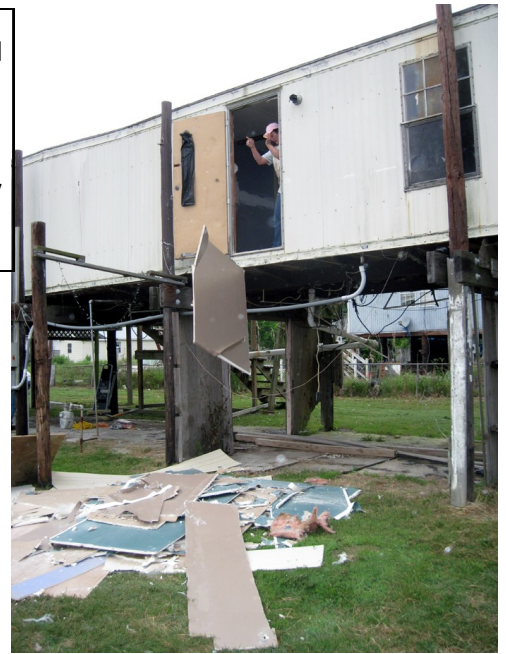


Mission LA 2011



This year's project. This trailer, owned by a single mom, was extensively water-damaged when the hurricane winds damaged the roof allowing water to get inside.

All the drywall had to be gutted and the electrical wiring inspected/replaced.



Cheryl, Tom and Rachel lay flooring in the kitchen at the beginning of the week. By Friday the team had also re-floored the living room, hallway, bathroom and two bedrooms.



Steve, our electrician, had his work cut out for him. He found several dangerous places where the wiring had started to burn or had shorted out on the aluminum trailer. He replaced over 350 feet of cable.



Allen frames the doorway. The old trailer door had been broken in by thieves. We replaced it with a steel, house-quality, front door.



Quilts: One of the joys of the week was meeting the family for whom we were preparing the trailer. Owner Mindy and her daughter came by to visit. We presented them with quilts sent along from Valmont Church and First Presbyterian Church quilters.



Ed finishes taping and Allen inspects the front door late Friday afternoon.

Mission LA 2010 Update



Magdalena: On the way to our lodging in Chauvin, LA we stopped by Miss Magdalena's home. Cheryl, Allen and the Rev worked on her home last year. This is the BEFORE photo – how we found her home when we arrived last year.



Magdalena: AFTER: This is Miss Magdalena's home now, after other teams completed the work that we began. Allen visits with Miss Magdalena's son in front of the refurbished home.



Magdalena: The new entryway for Miss Magdalena.

Peace starts with a smile.



00.Gators: March 26 – April 2 Valmonters traded in coyotes for gators, as Cheryl and the Rev, along with 6 others traveled to Dulac, Louisiana to work on hurricane damaged homes.



Magdalena: Ashley Glazier crocheted an afghan which we presented to Miss Magdalena.

SUNRISE SERVICE 2011



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

Caring Basket: MAY Casa Esperanze - Books for kids aged preK to fifth grade
Any art/school supplies
Soccer ball or basketball

JUNE Mother House - layette items



Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever

News from the Children's Ministry

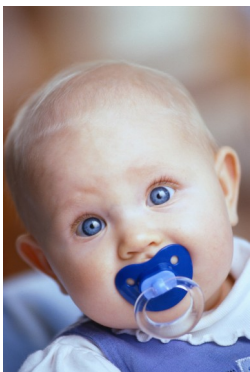
by Claudette

The Children's Sunday School/Nursery

is off to a good start with nine 'Children's Leaders and four-five assistants identified .

We will be using the One Room Sunday School curriculum through the month of May and then switching to Gospel Light which is a curriculum designed to be used with younger children.

Cheryl , Judy and Andrea all provided valuable input as we hammered out a viable schedule and I look forward to hearing additional suggestions from leaders and assistants, alike, as the year progresses.



Helpers/ assistants are still needed so please speak to me if you are interested in filling in occasionally as a support or want to be Leader. We also still need substitutes. What an awesome opportunity to be a missionary – right here at Valmont. Please consider joining us.

We are also hoping to offer a fun practical workshop called "Building Cooperative Behaviors in Children" –the cutting edge research and strategies on which Love and Logic was founded. It is a four hour workshop led by a local psychologist and will be open to the greater community, free of charge. So, if this is something that interests you , please let me know .



Hiatus

In Ecclesiastes, the Preacher says, "for everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven" and it is with this in mind that I am announcing a hiatus in the life of the Card Table. This ministry has been a wonderful support to many people, highlighting how something as simple as a greeting card can transform someone's day – and each of you have contributed significantly by investing your prayers, time, talent and money. Thanks especially to all the faithful writers who have supported the Card Ministry Table, month after month, over the past several years. Thank you, also, for the opportunity of serving Valmont in this special ministry; it has truly been a blessing to me, personally as I have gotten to know each of you better. Please continue to write cards to others on your own, continuing the tradition of 'encouraging one another, building one another up, just as you are doing' (1Thes. 5-11).



In Him Who loved us first,
Claudette

When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.



Music Ministry

Thank you so much to all those who participated in music ministry this Lent and Easter season! We couldn't have a functioning ministry without your gifts of time and talent! Thank you also to the congregation for all of your support of this ministry. It is our constant prayer that the music be a blessing to the congregation and to any visitors at Valmont. Please consider participating in the music ministry in the future! We are always looking for individuals who would like to exercise their creativity through music in various ways: as a participant in choir or handbells, as a soloist or a part of a small ensemble during a service or by offering ideas or suggestions about music at Valmont.



Valmont Choir will present a special service of music, "With a Voice of Singing" on Sunday, May 22nd during the regular service time. We look forward to sharing a number of our favorite pieces with you! The Choir will rehearse until Tuesday, May 24th and then we will take a break for the Summer. Watch the bulletin for further announcements about the choir! Choir will resume sometime in August.



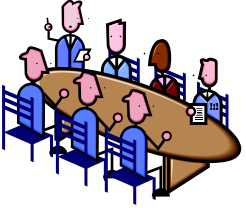
"The aim and final end of all music should be none other than the glory of God and the refreshment of the soul." - Johann Sebastian Bach.

Nicole

SESSION REPORT

Clerk's Report

Voted and Approved:



March 16 Session Meeting: The amount of \$226 of the Peace Offering will be sent to Attention Homes, a nonprofit organization in Boulder County that serves at-risk youth.

April 13 Session Meeting: The amount of \$200 of the Memorial Fund will be used for the church's flower garden.

Debbie Starin, Clerk of Session



Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

THE FIRST SENIOR MOMENT IN HISTORY...



and that's what happened to the dinosaurs!



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LEPERS ... I HEAL LEPERS

Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.

Duct Tape or a Nail?



A man dies and goes to heaven. St. Peter meets him at the Pearly Gates and says, 'Here's how it works. You need 100 points to make it into heaven. You tell me all the good things you've done, and I give you a certain number of points for each item, depending on how good it was. When you reach 100 points, you get in.'

'Okay,' the man says, 'I was married to the same woman for 50 years and never cheated on her, even in my heart.'

'That's wonderful,' says St. Peter, 'that's worth two points!'

'Two points?!' he says.

'Well, I attended church all my life and supported its ministry with my tithe and service.'

'Terrific!' says St. Peter.. 'That's certainly worth a point.'

'One point!?!'

'I started a soup kitchen in my city and worked in a shelter for homeless veterans.'

'Fantastic, that's good for two more points,' he says.



'Two points!?!'

'Exasperated, the man cries. 'At this rate the only way I'll get into heaven is by the grace of God.'

'Bingo! 100 points! Come on in!'

We often try to fix problems with WD-40 and duct tape.

... God did it with a nail.



Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors.

It's your Vintage

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