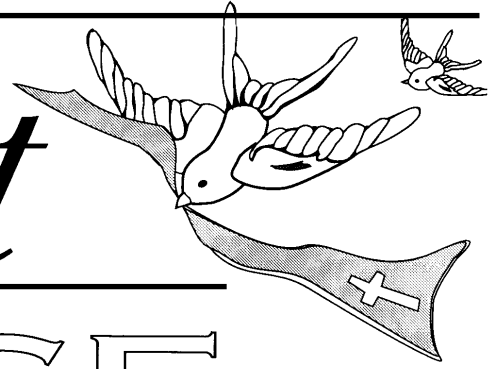


Valmont VINTAGE



Jan/Feb2012

Valmont Community Presbyterian Church

On The Road

I drove through South Caroline and beyond Macon, Georgia, as Dean, Marylou, and Ed slept. All alone in the night I had my own thoughts and held the car to the white line in the holy road. -Jack Kerouac, *On the Road*

I love road trips. I remember one time in college I drove to Albuquerque, from Boulder, through the night. We got there, went to MacDonald’s, and drove back. There was no point to the trip except to be on the road.

Of all the books written about road trips (and there are many!), Jack Kerouac’s *On the Road* is the best. It’s the story of Sal and Dean, and their travels across the country. Any joy they find, and any meaning,



comes solely from the road itself; the destination is insignificant and unimportant.

There are many road trips in Scripture. Jacob flees to Haran. The Israelites go on a forty year road trip through the wilderness. The psalms of ascent (120-134) are road trip songs, as pilgrims traveled to Jerusalem for days of worship. Jesus is always on the road with his disciples, and after his resurrection, he meets two of them on the road to Emmaus.

Really, though, the whole biblical story is one of journeying. God travels with his people, sustaining them, providing for them, guiding them. This is not a college or a Beat Generation trip, however. There is a destination. We are on our way to the end of this journey, when God will “make all things new,” and God will make his dwelling with us (Revelation 21). There is much joy and meaning in the journey itself, but this is so because of the destina-

tion. The road that the Church is on is “holy,” to use Kerouac’s description, because of where we are going.

Each of us, of course, is on a journey of our own. Heather and I are so glad that our journey has taken us, by God’s direction, back to Boulder. We feel he has called us to this unique city for the purpose of ministry.

And we are thankful that Valmont Church is now a part of our journey. For this church, too, is on a journey, one that has gone on for nearly 150 years. The particular stretch of highway we are on now is a unique one. During this interim period, we celebrate what God has done in the past, and also look toward the future to listen attentively to what God is calling us to be and to do. This listening, though, necessarily occurs in the present, which is exactly where God wants our attention. The joy of this listening comes from hearing the voice of God. The prophet Isaiah speaks to this joy: “Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, ‘This is the way; walk in it’” (30.21).

Together, then, let us listen for the voice of the Lord. Let us do so in prayer, and in worship, and through the reading of Scripture. Let us listen to each other, and hear what God is saying through our sisters and brothers. We are on a holy road. It is holy because God is Holy, and travels with us. Thanks be to God for this journey, and for his presence with us!

In Him,

Pastor Jeff Hoffmeyer

Ask a friend to join you.

You Have A Friend At Valmont!

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

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Ken Crowe

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Weekly Activities

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

Every Thursday – Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

Every Friday – AA meets 8:00-10:00 pm

Every Tuesday—Choir meets
7:00 to 8:30 pm

CALENDAR

January 10: Women's Association at 10 a.m.
Cardmakers at 12:30 p.m.

January 11: Session at 5:30 p.m.

January 15: Worship with communion.
Sermon title: "God Will Provide"

January 22: Worship with ordination and installation of
Elder Kara Perme and Deacon Judy Holmes.
Guest preacher, Rev. Mike Guthrie

January 27 & 28: Elder/deacon retreat.

January 29: Worship
Sermon title: "Sent"



February 5: Worship.
Sermon title: "What Is a Goad, Anyway?"

February 8: Session at 5:30 p.m.

February 12: Worship. Sermon title: "Stop. Look. Listen."

February 14: Women's Association at 10 a.m.
Cardmakers at 12:30 p.m.

February 19: Worship with communion.
Sermon title: "Uninvited Guests"

February 26: First Sunday in Lent.
Sermon title: "Long Obedience in the Same Direction"

March 4: Second Sunday in Lent.
Sermon title: "Put Down the Hammer"

March 11: Third Sunday in Lent.
Sermon title: "Wait"

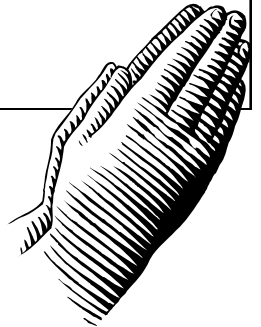
March 18: Fourth Sunday in Lent with communion.
Sermon title: "Life Together"

March 25: Fifth Sunday in Lent.
Sermon title: "Shush"

1. The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
2. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
3. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.
4. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
5. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
6. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
7. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
8. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
9. Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other, 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'

News item:

The water tank for the garden is gone. The pipes were cut in the removal.
Contact Dave with any information about the tank.



News from Your Session

Welcome to Rev. Jeff Hoffmeyer, Valmont's Interim Pastor. Have you ever experienced toasting English muffins during a sermon?

In January, Kara Perme will be ordained as an Elder and Judy Holmes will be ordained as a Deacon. Thank you to Kara and Judy for taking on these responsibilities at Valmont.

Valmont is looking for someone to set up Communion Services. If you are willing to do this monthly, please tell Joyce Glazier. Thank you to Elizabeth Fischer who has taken care of communion for the last 10 years.

The Elders and Deacons will have their annual retreat at Highland's Camp on January 27-28. This is a time of planning, praying and energizing for the year ahead.

We expect to have our liaison assigned from Presbytery, very soon, so we can begin the mission study which is the next step towards calling a new pastor. The Presbytery has trained specific individuals in conducting a mission study for a congregation. Session will be looking for congregation members to participate in the study.

Joyce Glazier, Elder



Pig Roasts and Potlucks

My Grandma's Granola from Debbie Greever

Ingredients:

- 6 cups rolled oats
- 1 cup shredded coconut
- 1 cup wheat germ
- 1/2 cup sunflower seeds
- 1/4 cup cashews
- 1 cup raisins (optional)
- * 1/2 cup cooking oil
- * 1/2 cup honey
- * 1/3 cup water
- * 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- * 1 1/2 tsp vanilla
- * 3/4 cup brown sugar

Directions:

Mix first five ingredients in large bowl. Then mix oil, honey, water, vanilla, salt and brown sugar together and pour over first five ingredients. Stir well to coat, spread mixture over 2 greased baking sheets. Bake in 350°F. oven for 20 minutes stirring frequently; cool, add raisins if desired. Store in airtight containers.



CLERK'S REPORT Submitted by Deb Starin

Voted and Approved by the Session



September 11, 2011

1. The VCPC website will be hosted on Go Daddy or a similar commercial hosting service. The format of the website will be changed to something more user accessible as recommended by the task force under the leadership of Anne Harris-Cross.

Christian education curricula was approved: "Gospel Light" for two and three year olds; Richard Foster's "Celebration of Discipline" for adults.

Rev. Bird will make the final selection of the stove and will initiate its purchase.

Session will provide a letter of recommendation / approval for Ashley Glazier's application to Midwest Baptist College to pursue a Masters in Theology.

October 24, 2011

2012 Budget was approved as presented by Ruth Lewis, Treasurer.

October 30, 2011

Session members unanimously voted and approved pursuit of negotiations with Rev. Jeff Hoffmeyer as Interim Pastor.

November 7, 2011

Session unanimously approved the contract for Interim Pastor Rev. Jeffrey Hoffmeyer

November 16, 2011

Resignation of Elder Claudette Walpole-Maloney, effective December 31, 2011

A potluck will be held on December 11, after church, to welcome Interim Pastor Jeff Hoffmeyer and his family.

December 14, 2011

Valmont's 25% share of the Peace Offering, \$115.25, will be allocated to the Westview Food Pantry.

Deb Starin was elected Clerk of Session for 2012

DEACONS' NEWS BOX

Deacons news...

Your Deacons for 2012 are Ken Crowe, Ruth Tisdale and Judy Holmes
Please help us do our job! We're waiting to hear from YOU

Caring Basket: JANUARY TBD
FEBURARY TBD



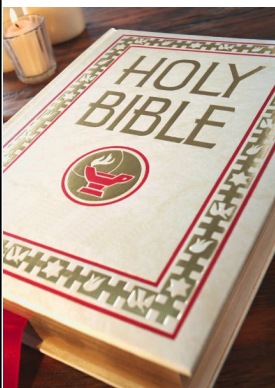
Building Available to the Boulder Community

Did you know that our church building is a vital part of the Boulder Area community. Here is a list of the non-church groups that either have or are using the building:

- ◆ Boulder Breakfast Optimist Club
- ◆ The Deep Space Exploration Society
- ◆ Alcoholics Anonymous
- ◆ Optimist Brain Bowl Trainers
- * Boulder Amateur Radio Club, Jr.
- * Boulder County Precinct Voting
- * Boulder Artists Guild
- * Colorado/Wyoming Optimist Zones

Dear Valmont Family,

First, thank you for your love, prayers, and support for us throughout 2011. We often tell others what an encouragement you have been to us from the time we first met just before 9/11 until today. It seems like the longer you have stood with us, the more fruitful our Wy-cliffe work has become—even though it has grown in weight, scope, and complexity.



We enjoyed a delayed Christmas with our sons doing all the things that spell “family” for us. It was wonderful to have them here as Stu needed to have some heart-related tests, for which we don’t have results yet.

A blessed 2012 to each of you, and to all of you together as Valmont moves forward under God’s good hand into a new era.

Edith and / for Stu Nelson

Westview Presbyterian Church and Plains and Peaks Presbytery Mission Trips to Help in the Rebuilding of Joplin, Missouri March 25 – 31, 2012 and April 21 – 28, 2012

Background

A large, damaging tornado struck Joplin, MO on Sunday evening, May 22, 2011. The National Weather Service storm survey information has confirmed winds in excess of 200 mph throughout the damage path in Joplin. The length of the path was about 13 miles and the maximum damage width was 3/4 of a mile.

There were 158 deaths attributed to the storm and one-third of the city was damaged or destroyed. There has been a tremendous outpouring of help and assistance as volunteers and neighbors pitched in to help in the removal of debris and take the first steps towards recovery. But, much work remains to be done!



Westview Presbyterian Church and the Congregational Mission and Partnerships Workgroup of the Plains and Peaks Presbytery are working through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to connect with AmeriCorps and local Presbyterian churches to coordinate two trips to Joplin to assist in the rebuilding efforts.

Jobs will likely include carpentry (interior and exterior), drywall (install and finish), tiling, flooring, painting, etc. Skill in plumbing and electrical is especially useful. ALL levels – novice to professional – will find plenty of work to be done! Kitchen coordinators and cooks would be appreciated. Teams of volunteers work on homes and hearts.

Dennis and Nancy Hurianek, Westview members, will coordinate the trips. The Hurianeks have participated in five PDA work trips and served as leaders for four of the trips.

Planning Information

Two separate weeks have been scheduled. The dates for the weeklong trips are March 25th to March 31st, 2012 and April 21 to April 28, 2012. For each trip, we will be arriving in Joplin on Saturday. We will attend a local church service on Sunday and orient ourselves with the area. On Monday morning we will meet our AmeriCorps or Rebuilding Joplin coordinators and be given our job assignments. We will work through Friday and depart for home on Saturday.

Lodging will be at a nearby church camp in the lodge/“dormitory.” (Nightly fee is \$10.) There is also the possibility that several participants will travel and stay in RV’s. Showers will be available but laundry facilities likely will not be available.

Each group will be responsible for purchasing and preparing meals; meal costs will be shared. Each participant will be responsible for transportation, meals, and lodging costs.

All necessary tools and materials are provided. But, as space allows, you may wish to bring your some of your own tools. Each person is responsible for work gear (e.g. boots, gloves.) Gift cards (Lowe’s, Home Depot) are always helpful for extra materials (and are a great way for those at home to participate.)

Full information on preparing for and participating in a work mission trip will be provided. An Orientation meeting will be held about a month before each trip.



If you are interested in information or want to take part in one of these trips, please contact Dennis and Nancy Hurianek at dhuri@vcn.com or call (303) 652-2468 [home] or (303) 895-6041 [D cell]

Mission Work—Our Work Paid Off

Although places like Jean Lafitte (Jefferson Parish), Pointe Au Chien (Terrebonne Parish) and Myrtle Grove (Plaquemines Parish) saw lots of water during Tropical Storm Lee, there was very little flooding. All the work done to raise homes and protect areas from flooding helped protect the lives and property in coastal communities.



Photo: Home in Pointe-Au-Chien, LA was fine during flood waters from Tropical Storm Lee in early September.
To all the volunteers: your work paid off!

Good friends are like stars. You don't always see them, but you know they are always there. Keep them close!



January-March/2012 Valmont Community Church

This is a series I will be calling “On the Road.” It looks at various moments in Scripture in which someone (or ones) is/are on the road-journeying, traveling, etc. This year begins a time of listening for this church—who we are, what God is calling us to do and to be, and who our neighbor is. This church is on a journey—we, too, are on the road. We are on the road with God—God is traveling with us, by our side. He is both leading us and right next to us on this journey.

Date	Text	Title	Themes
1/8	Gen 28.10-18	“God In Between”	God showing up in surprising moments- “in between times”; God being with us.
1/15	Gen 22.1-14	“God Will Provide”	Sacrifice, the Cross, God providing—even his Son.
1/22	Luke 24.13-35		Guest Preacher- Rev. Michael Guthrie
1/29	Luke 10.1-12	“Sent”	God sends us; mission; missional; witnessing
2/5	Acts 22.1-16	“What is a Goad, Anyway?”	Conversion; trusting God
2/12	Mark 10.46-52	“Stop. Look. Listen”	Listening with Jesus for needs of the community.
2/19	Luke 14.15-24	“Uninvited Guests”	Witnessing; reaching out to the broken and those in need
2/26 Lent 1	Luke 9.51	“Long Obedience in the Same Direction”	The way of the cross, walking with Jesus in this way.
3/4 L 2	Psalm 127	“Put Down the Hammer”	Letting God build—our lives, the church, etc. - rather than us
3/11 L 3	Psalm 130	GUEST PREACHER ? “Wait”	Waiting for God, more than anything else.
3/18 L 4	Psalm 133	“Life Together”	The Church, Unity, Living in unity with each other
3/25 L 5	Psalm 131	“Shush.”	Being still before God; letting him quiet our souls

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