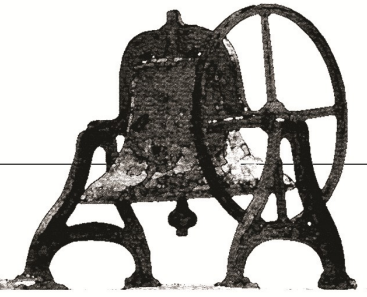


July/Aug 2013

Valmont VINTAGE

CELEBRATING *150 years* OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS!



Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



Pastor Jeff Hoffmeyer

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. —1 Thessalonians 5.16-18

These commands at the end of Paul's first letter to the church in Thessalonica seem to be a bit much. Be joyful—yes, but always? Pray—okay, but without ceasing? Give thanks—of course, but in all circumstances? Has Paul overstated himself? In commanding, not just commending, these practices to the church has Paul gone too far? Because it all sounds ridiculous. It sounds Pollyannaish, to be joyful

always. These words sound like the theological version of "Don't worry, be happy."

Until you realize that it is Paul who gives these commands. Paul, who has had anything but a Pollyannaish life, who does indeed worry, and who certainly was not always happy. Paul commands the Thessalonians to engage in this way of being, because these practices have given him life, in the midst of much anguish.

And it starts and ends with joy. It is often noted that the difference between joy and happiness is that the latter is circumstantial. This is, I think, true, but it is not the whole truth. Happiness can be constructed;

joy is always a gift. For Paul, joy is the gift of Christ's presence. He writes elsewhere that "living is Christ and dying is gain"—because in death Christ's nearness is fully revealed.

So the command to be joyful is the command to receive the gift of Christ's presence. We receive this gift in prayer. The call to pray without ceasing is the call to acknowledge Christ's presence, regardless of our circumstance. And at the center of prayer is thanksgiving—thanksgiving that Christ, is, indeed, near to us. This is why Paul exhorts us not to give thanks for all circumstances—as if we should thank God for difficulties—but rather to give thanks in all circumstances, noting Christ's presence. So doing enables our reception of the gift of joy. The command to be joyful is the command to receive; let us receive this gift, and so enjoy the freedom that comes in obedience to God's commands.

Pastor Jeff

Ask a friend to join you.
You Have A Friend At Valmont!

**No Sunday School
Worship Service: 9:30**

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CALENDAR

July 22 –25 Vacation Bible School
 July 25 Ice Cream Social (end of VBS)
 July 28 Outdoor Service and BBQ



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

Choir practice at 7 pm

Every Wednesday:
 Yoga Class 9 am

Tremble Clef Choir 11am

Session, third Wednesday at 5:30 pm

Every Thursday: Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

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

Every Friday – Valmont Victors 8-10 pm

DEACONS' NEWS BOX

Deacon News...

Caring Basket:

July & August -

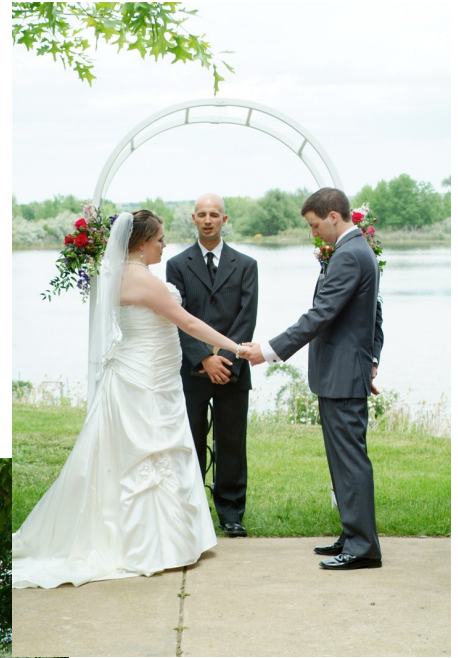
Items for the food pantry ... Since it's our 150th Anniversary, Let's try to gather 150 item or 150 lbs. to donate to the food pantry.

If anyone has an extra bed they do not need, please let one of the deacons know - there is a family in need.

A Wedding at Valmont's Lake



Katrina Craig (daughter of Rex and Cheryl Craig) married Drew Proctor at a ceremony overlooking Valmont's Lake on June 8. Her sister Mandy Craig was her Maid of Honor and Ashley Glazier (daughter of Adam and Joyce Glazier) was one of her bridesmaids.



Katrina and Drew Proctor



Many thanks to everyone who pitched in to make this a truly wonderful day!

Pig Roasts and Potlucks



Creamy Peppercorn Pasta Salad from the Kitchen of Debbie G

Makes 8 - 12 Servings

- ♦ 1 lb. pasta (colored rotini or whole wheat bowties are nice.)
- ♦ 1 - 15 Oz can artichoke hearts, drained and quartered
- ♦ 1 cup hard salami, thinly sliced into strips
- * 2 cups broccoli florets
- * 1 cup fresh peas or thawed frozen peas
- * 1 - 15 oz. can black olives, drained and halved

Dressing

- ♦ 2 Tbsp creamy peppercorn (from Penzy's Spice Shop) If you don't have this, I would try using Ranch Dressing mix - and add just a little more pepper to taste.
- ♦ 3 Tbsp. water
- ♦ 1 cup mayonnaise
- * 1 cup sour cream
- * 2-3 Tbsp. vinegar or water

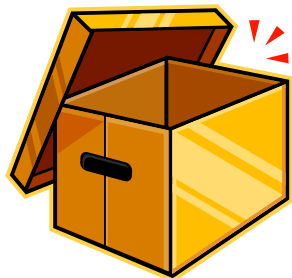
Cook the pasta according to package directions. While the pasta cooks, bring a pot of water to a boil. Add the broccoli and cook for 2 minutes. Rinse under cold water, drain and set aside. Drain the pasta and place in a serving bowl. Add the broccoli, artichokes, peas, salami and olives and toss gently to combine.

In a small bowl, combine the creamy peppercorn and water. Let stand for 5 minutes. Add the sour cream and mayonnaise and mix well. Add vinegar or water to reach the desired consistency. Pour the dressing over the pasta and veggies, mix well, serve or chill before serving.

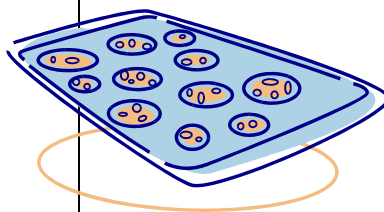


Submitted by Cindy ...**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Ruth Tisdale has generously agreed to co-ordinate the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Please contact Ruth with any questions you may have, but it's not too early to start shopping for that special girl or boy who otherwise might not get any gifts at Christmas.

**Cookie for the 150th Celebration**

How many cookies would you like to MAKE and furnish for the 150th Celebration? If you let Cindy Sexton know,



you can bake as many as you wish, but if you wait for her to ask you, she's going to ask for 6 dozen from you. You can make any kind that you'd like; rolled, bar, filled, frosted, plain, w/nuts (please label), w/o nuts--whatever

suits your fancy. You can even bake them this week & put them in your freezer until September 6. If there are any extra, we will box them up and take them to the Attention Center. Catch Cindy at Church, phone her at 253-312-2294 or email cssexton3@comcast.net.

La Puente Center in Alamosa.

Elaine Edmondson & Cindy Sexton recently delivered 20 Hygiene bags to La Puente Center in Alamosa. The staff was very grateful for these and are in constant need of the hygiene bags as well as other things--gift cards for groceries, etc. are always good. They furnished a list of needed items, so would like more please see either Cindy



most-if you info, Elaine or

**Ice Cream Social,
July 25 @ 7 pm****BAGS of GRACE**

Women's Association recently filled 25 Bags of Grace and we will be filling more in the fall, so remember to pick up the sample toiletries if you stay in a hotel any time. There are other things, of course, that go in the bags, so take a look at the contents and furnish any of the items you would desire to. (My grandson bikes past the Boulder library, municipal buildings, etc., twice a day & has told me that he could literally give away that many in a day.)

**The mini-retreat**

The mini-retreat that was held at Joy Keeter's on June 22 was attended by a dozen women and was very interesting and informative about the religious prisoners around the world. There are Voice of the Martyrs news magazines in the rack in the Narthex if you would like to learn more about the persecution these people go through and what can be done to help them. Even a letter of encouragement helps a lot.



Attention Center—Love to Cook? Support our Meal Program! Submitted by Cindy

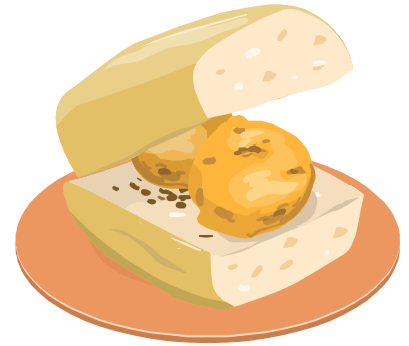
"Cooking for people is an enormously significant expression of generosity, soulfulness and creativity. You're sharing your life with people." - Ted Allen

Our beautiful new kitchen at the Runaway & Homeless Youth Shelter on Broadway is open for business and we'd love to host some new cooking groups and individual volunteers who enjoy preparing nutritious meals for hungry youth. Since re-opening the shelter, we're now serving 16 youth instead of 10 for dinner each night, averaging 30+ clients during the day for lunch, and handing out numerous burritos or sandwiches during street outreach. Demand for our services has increased and so has the need for meals which is now straining our food budget.

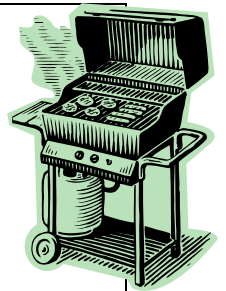
So gather a group of friends, business associates or family members and commit to providing some good, old home cookin' once a month. Faith communities, college students, fraternities and sororities are welcome! We'll provide the recipes and ingredients and can work with your preferred time of day. If you prefer to cook in the comfort of your own home and donate a meal for 10-14, we have a number of recurring dates available for both homes in Boulder.

"Being able to provide a healthy meal to a hungry group of teens is very rewarding," says one of our longtime meal donors. "The kids are so appreciative and staff so welcoming. Our monthly meal has been a great way for our family to work together and give back to our community."

To learn more, contact Marnie at: mwilliams@attentionhomes.org



*Join us on July 28 for an Outdoor
Service and
Barbeque after the Service*



Women's Retreat

Women's Retreat is going to be here before we know it--September 13-15 at the Highlands. Cost will again be \$120 per person, w/some scholarship



Pastoral Search

What moment are we in?"

"What do we really want to be?"



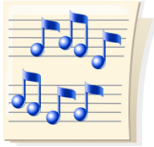
Is this a season of settling down or setting off for a new horizon? Are we looking for someone to be a steward of our legacy or to equip us for a changing world? Do we really want someone to care for the shareholder saints or are we really ready to reach beyond the walls? Is it a season for managing what we have been entrusted with or leading us in the painful work of being transformed for the unknown in front of us?

Music Ministry

Choir



Calling all choir members, past and present: In honor of Valmont's 150th Anniversary, we will be singing as a part of the worship service on September 8th. We are encouraging any past choir members who currently attend Valmont or who do not, to join us in singing on this special Sunday. We are sending out letters to past members and friends, but it would be great if you all helped spread the word to anyone you know who may be interested in participating.



The choir will begin rehearsals in August. As we get closer to August, please check the announcements in the bulletin to find out the exact date we will begin rehearsals. Thank you for considering joining us for this very special time of fellowship and celebration!

Nicole

A note from the Birds—**Coming to the celebration**

Thanks for the letter. Dottyanne and I are definitely planning on being in town for Valmont's sesquicentennial celebration. We should be arriving Saturday morning. We will be there for any activities on Saturday or Sunday. Just point us in the right direction and let us know how we can help.

Have you heard from any of the other former pastors who might be there?

Of course Dottyanne will be at the Women's Retreat the following weekend, but I will be speaking up at Mountain View Presbyterian in Longmont Sunday, the 15th. We are excited to be spending some time with the Valmont gaggle again.

iXs,

Stephen Bird
Aviation Maintenance Manager
JAARS, Waxhaw, NC



*Maggie Fries
and
Michael Hansen
are getting
married!*



*You're invited to attend their
ceremony on
Friday, July 26th,
4:30 p.m. at
First Presbyterian Church
in the Sanctuary
1820 15th Street,
Boulder, 80302.*

Longmont dad's persistence pays off in son's marriage

By Michelle Vendegna Longmont Times-Call

LONGMONT -- Peter Johnson was a little unsure when his father insisted he should meet a girl at his church, and Sue Johnson felt the same when a man at church kept saying she should meet his son.

Even though they had both gone to Boulder High School at the same time, the two had managed never to meet. It wasn't until after high school when Peter's parents switch churches to **Valmont Community Presbyterian Church in Boulder** that Peter's father, Herbert, met Sue. Peter was in the Navy at the time.

When Peter came home on leave in July 1971, Herbert decided they should meet, so they jumped in the new truck Peter had just bought and went over to Sue's. Herbert made the introductions and they all climbed in the truck. After dropping Herbert off at a friend's house a few blocks away and Peter and Sue went on their first date. They talked as they took the new truck for a drive on U.S. Highway 36, and they have been talking ever since.



Peter Johnson and Sue Johnson went to high school together, but didn't meet until his dad brought them together when Peter returned home from the Navy .

They continued to date while Peter finished his time in the Navy. He returned home in December 1971 and started college at CU.

"He gets this little grin on his face, I knew something was up." Sue said about the night of July 23, 1972. That night on the top of Flagstaff Mountain, with a full moon over the city lights of Boulder, Peter proposed.

"It's how you know God loves engineers" Peter said, "He sets up things like this; I couldn't have done this." They were married on April 7, 1973, at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Boulder.

A year later they both took time away from school to do volunteer work through the church. They came across an opportunity to work on a Navajo Reservation near Kayenta, Ariz. Peter worked as the maintenance man and Sue worked as the secretary for the pastor and they both worked with the youth group and as teachers in the community.

"I think you get a whole different perspective living in culture that is totally different and learning to be respectful of that culture" Sue said of her time there.

They returned to Boulder to finish their education, and both graduated in 1979 -- Sue with a master's in school administration from CSU and Peter with a bachelor's in civil engineering from CU.

Sue started to work at the Career Development Center in 1980 and in 2006 she retired, but worked with GED students through Front Range Community College until last year. She now spends her time gardening, reading, taking their dog for walks, and planning their next vacation.

Peter commuted to jobs in Denver and Boulder during this time, and then for a few years he was self-employed. In 1993, he went to work in Lafayette for the public works department, and eventually became the city engineer.

For their 40th anniversary they went on a cruise to the Panama Canal where they tried zip lining for the first and last time, and Sue is already researching the next trip, which she hopes to be somewhere like Kenya to photograph the large animals.

The couple acknowledges Herbert's contribution to their life the best way they know how, with visits, even after Peter's parents moved to Sheridan, Wyo., a few years ago. The couple still makes a point to call often and go visit a few times a year.

Valmont Presbyterian Church and Highlands Camp Present

Jesus Chooses Us!



Crafts

Bible Stories

Games

Vacation Bible School

at Valmont Presbyterian Church

July 22 - 25, 9 a.m. to noon

Thursday, July 25, 7 p.m. • Ice Cream Social

For children ages 3 through 5 grade

Cost: \$20.00/per child (scholarships are available)

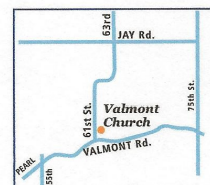
For more information, call 303-918-2565

Register at www.valmontchurch.org

or mail in the registration form on back by July 13

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