

"Our purpose is to love God, care for others, and be Christ's witness to the world"

Sept/Oct 2013

# Valmont VINTAGE

CELEBRATING *150 years* OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS!

Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



**Pastor Jeff Hoffmeyer**

Dear Valmont,

Two out of one hundred and fifty doesn't sound like a lot, but it is. Two years (almost) is how long I've been serving as Valmont's Interim Pastor. Although I've barely experienced one percent of Valmont's history, I have certainly been immersed in and blessed by the faithfulness upon which all of those years are founded. As all of you know, our faith is built on God's faithfulness. This has always been true for the people of God. We learn to trust God, and to walk with God, as we grow in our awareness of who he is and what he has done for us. The knowledge of God's faithfulness is deep at Valmont, and so my own faith has grown as I've been in community with all of you. It is in this knowledge that we not only celebrate what God has done, but also what God is doing and wants to do through us. What a great

year this has been, as Valmont has marked 150 years not only by looking back, but also by doing new things, like the Forty worship service during Lent, Vacation Bible School, and an incredible service project at the Family Learning Center. In these and so many other ways, Valmont continues to celebrate God's faithfulness by sharing it with others, which is what the Gospel is all about. For this, and for all of you, I thank the Lord.

In Him, Pastor Jeff

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

**Sunday School: 9am**  
**Worship Service: 10:30**

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Boulder  
(61st Street & Valmont Road)

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**Our  
church  
in the  
1920's**

**Valmont school  
with our church  
in it's original  
location just to  
the right and  
behind the  
school.**



# Bulletin Board

## Elders:

*David Hustvedt*  
*Tony London*

*Don Lewis*  
*Ella Travis*

## Clerk of Session:

*Joyce Glazer*

## Deacons:

*Judy Holmes*  
*Cindy Sexton*

*Debbie Greever*

## Treasurer:

*Ruth Lewis*

**Church Administrator:** *Ella Travis*

**Choir/Worship Leader:** *Nicole London*

## Accompanist:

*Denise Pefusch*

## CALENDAR

Sept 6 Historical program at 7 pm  
Sept 7 Pig Roast, Picnic and Party  
Sept 8 Special 150th Celebration Worship service  
Sept 11-13 Women's Retreat at Highlands  
Oct 19 PEO Tea at 11:30 to 1:30. Tickets are \$10.  
See Debbie G or Ruth L



Valmont 's bell which survived the fire of 1979

## 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

### *Caring Basket:*

### *September -*

Items for the service members and college students of our church - Ashley Glazier, Adam Glazier and Mandy Craig. Things such as: Starbuck's gift cards, Amazon gift card, iTunes gift card, cookies, beef jerky, magazines, gum, items to remind them of home.....Boulder chips, Celestial Seasoning tea, small stuffed animal, jewelry, etc.

### *October—Operation Shoe Box*

Items for the food pantry ... Since it's our 150th Anniversary, need 150 items 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.**

***Hello Valmont from Stu & Edith Nelson, wishing we could be there for the 150<sup>th</sup>!*** We are celebrating right along with you though, since we are totally committed to local churches—God’s incredible gift to us all through the work of Christ. Valmont, our church home-away-from-home, is one of those.

You know that our day-to-day commitment to local churches boils down to helping *start* them through Bible translation for the nearly 2000 language groups left with no Scripture. We focus on the “front end” by identifying and mentoring potential translators and others needed to finish this huge task.

You also know from our letters that there are now some churches in every country, and that more and more national churches are taking responsibility for Bible translation in their own countries. But this is all relatively recent! For language groups in these countries there are very few “Valmonts” celebrating 150 years of church life built on heart-language Scripture. Not even close. They do celebrate though—most often in Scripture dedications like this one in a country with a very large Islamic population....

Beautifully costumed young people sang in their own language, then plunged into a Bible reading contest. Genesis, the New Testament, and songs in the mother tongue were about to be dedicated. Twenty years of labor for a small team of local and Wycliffe workers was moving toward a landmark celebration.

The ceremony continued with the translation team meeting in the house where most of the work had been done. They sang and prayed, then set off for church accompanied by traditionally dressed people. There they joined church leaders from the whole language area and the provincial capital. The translators handed an impressive stack of translation manuscripts over to the church leaders, and in turn were given the newly completed Scriptures and songs. These were dedicated to the Lord, then copies were carried to the official launching site, accompanied by young people playing bamboo instruments while police held up traffic on the highway.

That was just the beginning! It was followed by ribbon cutting; the lighting of six candles near copies of Scripture by elders of the six congregations; a two-hour service; two hours of speeches; a message by the provincial head of the church on Romans 1:6; strong encouragement from the head of police (a convert to Christianity) for everyone of every religion to read the Scriptures, followed by his challenge to the translators to complete the Bible (“It is a sin not to complete the job!”). Finally a local government official who is not a Christian spoke of published Scriptures as a high point in the history of this persecuted language group of 37,000; and a cousin of the tribal king welcomed the translation.

Yes, we focus on church “starts” and Valmont is focused just now on God’s gift of remarkable church longevity. As different as those two are, they have the same core—Scripture in the heart language. The futures of young and old churches of every language are based on exactly that same reality. May the Lord by His Spirit grace Valmont with the wisdom and strength to move into the future, living out its solid, historic foundation of Scripture in this fallen world yet more and more until He returns.  
Stu and Edith



Thanks you to  
Keith Vandegrift  
from 1st

Pres. He painted  
both sheds and the  
bridge.



## Pig Roasts and Potlucks



### Zucchini Pie (Mock Apple Pie) from the Kitchen of Debbie G Makes 8 - 12 Servings

- ◆ 4 C zucchini, peeled, seeded & sliced thin like apples.
- ◆ 2 T. Tapioca
- ◆ 1/2 tsp Salt
- ◆ 1 tsp Nutmeg

- \* 3/4 C sugar
- \* 5 T. Lemon Juice
- \* 1 tsp cinnamon
- \* 1 T. Cornstarch

Mix all together. Put in pie shell.

Mix together:

- ◆ 1/2 C Flour
- \* 1/2 C Sugar
- \* 1/2 C Margarine

Put on top of pie. Place pie in a paper bag, staple closed. Bake 1 hour at 375 degrees.







Downtown Valmont with the church in the background.

Our past ... but  
looking to the  
future.



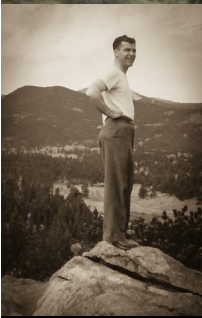
Valmont school is still standing across  
the street from the church's present  
location.



The historical marker  
of where Fort Chambers  
once stood is just  
down the street.



The Sawhills' original house



Valmont 's  
pastor at  
Highlands

Celebrating 150  
years of God's  
Faithfulness!



Valmont's congregation in the 1940s—  
Stella May Montgomery is in middle/back



Two views from the butte of the Valmont area



## Pastor Nominating Committee Update



Presbyterians believe that pastors and congregations are brought together through a call from God. This call is confirmed when the pastor, the church and the presbytery each say 'yes' to the relationship. This three-way partnership is acted out throughout the pastoral call process with the presbytery Committee on Ministry having the primary responsibility for oversight of the call process. The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) represents the church and its congregation during the search process. The Valmont Pastor Nominating Committee is made up of five members; Mike Greever, Anne Harris-Cross, Nicole London, Scott Starin and Joyce Glazier.

The PNC has prepared a Church Information Form (CIF) describing who Valmont Church is, who we want to become and qualities and qualifications for a called pastor. The CIF is entered into a PC/USA automated system for viewing by potential candidates of the pastoral position. Candidates create a personal information form (PIF) and submit it to the automated system. The system matches churches to candidates from criteria in the CIF and PIFs, resulting in matched PIFs. Candidates, who do not necessarily fit the matching process, may refer themselves, creating a self-referred PIF. Suggested-names may also be received by the PNC from members of the congregation, COM or other presbytery connection.

From the beginning of June through mid-August, forty-two candidates have been received by the PNC and considered for the pastoral position at Valmont Church. Each of these candidate PIFs have been reviewed and criteria ranking done to begin the selection process. References were checked for candidates and time was spent listening to recorded sermons by the candidates. Internet searches were done to find other information available about each of the candidates.

By late-August, the PNC has narrowed the candidate pool down to six pastors who we are strongly considering for Valmont's next called pastor. Since some of the six do not live near Valmont, the PNC is interviewing each individually using Skype online technology. Our hope is to be able to make a final select of one or two from the six candidates.

The next step is for COM to contact the sending presbytery to do reference checks with their COM colleagues for each candidate. The information derived from COM reference checking will be added to the information the PNC has gathered so far. COM will also conduct background checks on the final candidates. Next the PNC will hear the final candidates preach a sermon in a 'neutral pulpit'. The neutral pulpit will be a church near to Boulder, not Valmont and not the church where the candidate is currently serving.

After Valmont and presbytery is in agreement on the best candidate, an invitation will be extended to that person to serve at Valmont Church. Finally a congregational meeting will be held for the Valmont congregation to vote on calling this person.

Through all the steps of the calling process, the PNC appreciates your support and prayers.

Joyce Glazier, PNC Moderator



## The Round Pantry

The Round Pantry in Longmont needs volunteers. They hit a record of signing in 279 shopping households on August 28th. If you are willing to help contact Westview Presbyterian Church at 303-776-3242.

They are also in need of: Baby Food FRUIT, Baby Cereal, Canned Fruit, And Can take any extra produce from gardens you may have.

Volunteers can sign up by calling the church office ([303-776-3242](tel:303-776-3242)) or using SIGN-UP GENIUS, an easy online registration. Follow these easy instructions:

Go to [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com)

Click "Find a Sign Up" near the top of the page

Enter the address of the sign up list's creator = [wvview@westview.org](mailto:wvview@westview.org)

Enter your name at the time you would like to work.



Also, we gratefully accept excess **garden produce** when delivered the Monday before Pantry. The Round Pantry will next be open on September 10.

SHINE ON , *Nancy Hurianek*

## ***San Juan Del Centro Learning Center Work Project***



There are approximately 300 low-income residents in 61 apartments in the San Juan Del Centro neighborhood. Population density at San Juan Del Centro is more than 4 times the average for the City of Boulder. Apartments are small and outside grounds are very limited.

Valmont Church was asked by the Learning Center director to plant a flower garden which would brighten the area. When Pastor Jeff Hoffmeyer, Dave Hustvedt and Joyce Glazier visited the neighborhood, we learned the garden would go in a picnic area where there is a pavilion with picnic tables. An old brick BBQ grill is near the pavilion. The total area is approximately 100 feet by 40 feet.

After a short time in the area, we discovered some of the wood on the pavilion has rotted away, and the BBQ grill is partially broken down due to age and was not constructed from fire resistant brick. (cont page 8)



## **Summer at Highlands is a Great Time!**

During summer camps, the air is filled with sounds of happy children laughing and singing and being led by enthusiastic college students who are the summer staff. There are sounds of Bible stories being read and groups discussing how the stories can be applied to everyday life. There is also the quiet time during prayer and worship.



Partnership Day Camps were held at 14 churches in the Denver Presbytery and the Presbytery of Plains and Peaks. Many children were reached who would not have had the opportunity to attend camp or learn how "Jesus Chooses Us."!! Partnership Day Camps were a great success.

High adventure campers face extreme challenges at the CSU challenge course. One of the challenges is to climb a pole that is 27½ feet tall and stand on the top of it. Then, leap for a trapeze and have faith in the safety harness and their fellow campers who hold the safety lines. How many adults would do that?

As you walk around camp, you might hear the sound of hammers as Mission Work Campers reroof the Activity Center or build a new vesper site. You might also smell paint from the dock being painted or the odor from the wood structures of the Challenge Course and the Vesper site being stained. Mission Work Campers also removed willows from the dam of the pond which has improved the view as well as improving the integrity of the dam. We are grateful for these Mission Work Camps!!

In the retreat center, you might hear shouts of joy as families arrive for their long awaited reunions and see family members they have not seen in some time. Birthday and anniversary celebrations are held at Highlands. Many men and women come to Highlands for annual retreats. Several times a year, you will hear the soft whir of sewing machines of the quilting groups who stay up late into the night sewing and chatting. The quilters have also made donations to our annual Christmas party and silent auction. This is a sampling of the children, youth and adults who are blessed by the ministry of Highlands.

Highlands is a year round facility. We are fortunate to have an Executive Director and staff who can keep all the groups and programs as well as ongoing maintenance orchestrated!! There is a lot of "behind the scenes" activity to make everything run smoothly. I hope you will consider visiting Highlands to see what is happening with this marvelous ministry!

Blessings,

Ruth Lewis, Moderator of Highlands Joint Camp Committee





**VBS** was a  
Success. Thank  
You for your  
Prayers & Support



We had a total of 18 children attend. The three leader from Highlands were awesome. Thank You—Julia, Anna & Michelle. We can't wait to do it all again next year!

## Ice Cream Social



VBS—Ice  
Cream social on  
Thursday. Root  
Beer Floats ...  
Yummm.



Thank You Buddy & Joy for the Root Beer.



Thank you to

Pastor Jeff, Debbie Starin, Debbie Greever, Judy Holmes, Ruth Lewis, Nicole London & Leticia Banuelos



(Cont from page 6) Just building and planting a garden did not seem like the right thing to do. We estimated \$2,339 for adding the new garden, replacing the BBQ grill, repairing the pavilion, and painting the tables. Labor was be donated by Valmont members along with a few residents from the neighborhood.



On June 29, 2013, 17 people, Shirley Crowe, Ruth Lewis, Don Lewis, Ruth Tisdale, Joy Keeter, Nguyen Thu, Debbie Greever, Mike Greever, Tony London, Nicole London, Judy Holmes, Cheryl Craig, Rex Craig, Pastor Jeff Hoffmeyer, Adam F Glazier, Adam Glazier and Joyce Glazier from Valmont converged on the Learning Center picnic area to begin the work. A total of 92 hours of work were accomplished in one day. The brick grill was demolished and hauled away, picnic tables and benches were sanded and repainted, rotted wood was removed



from the east side of the pavilion and replaced with new wood and metal flashing and the garden began to take shape. Earlier in the week, Dave Hustvedt and



Aaron Anderson rototilled the garden area and cut down a tree that was in danger of falling on the fence. They also cut the downed tree into sections and hauled it away. Work sessions of 2-5 people continued over the next four weeks to finish the project. Pastor Jeff, Tony London and Mike Greever dug the three foot hole to cement the post in for the grill. The grill was set next to the area where the old brick grill stood. Dirt for

the Garden and gravel for the walking path was moved by wheelbarrow loads. Plants were purchased and some donated from Shirley Crowe's yard to go in the garden. Finally mulch was spread and a stone bench was placed in the middle to finish the garden.

Thanks to Ruth Tisdale for her vision for the garden and many trips to shop for plants and materials and for doing much of the work to get the garden completed. A total of 158 hours of work were required to complete the project.



Through the work of improving this neighborhood picnic area, Valmont wants to extend God's love for these people by providing them a nicer place for picnics and parties. I would also like to thank The Presbytery of Plains and Peaks for the generous grant which provided \$1200 of the necessary project funds.

Joyce Glazier



## It's your Vintage

Anyone who would like to contribute articles, pictures, recipes or anecdotes, please submit by the 20th prior to publication month to **Mike Greever** via email at [mgreever@prestigerealtygroup.com](mailto:mgreever@prestigerealtygroup.com) or give to **Ella in the office**

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