

Mar/Apr 2014

Valmont VINTAGE

CELEBRATING *150 years* OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS!

Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



Pastor Jenn

Waiting is a major theme throughout Scripture:

God's people were enslaved in Egypt for 400 years

Nearly 100 years to build the ark
370 days in the ark

Israel spent 40 years wandering the desert and 40 days receiving the law at Mt Sinai

Jesus spent 30 years before his public ministry and 40 days in the wilderness
The lame man by the Pool of Bethesda spent 38 years without mobility.
Jacob waited 14 years to marry Rachel

The hemorrhaging woman spent 12 years afflicted with bleeding
Jonah spent 3 days in the belly of a fish

It doesn't take much more than a cursory review to realize that God is not concerned about wasting time he is concerned with developing character.

Valmont Church is in a season of waiting, as well. We're waiting to call a pastor, we're waiting for the lake to be repaired, and I believe we're all waiting for spring. God in his wisdom knew that most of us aren't good at waiting...or even sitting still. Many of us busy ourselves with activities and productivity assuming that using our time wisely is the best way to steward those resources. However, long periods of waiting were built into the biblical narrative and are therefore represented in the church calendar.

During Advent, we remember the wait for the promised Christ child and during Lent, we remember the wait for the fulfillment of the messianic promise.

Unlike Advent, however, Lent is a dark time. It's often spoken of as a spiritual wilderness because it reminds us of the time before Jesus

conquered sin and death. It's a time to soak in the somber state of our lives apart from the love of God and Jesus saving action.

The wilderness is the location where countless biblical men and women spend the majority of time waiting. The wilderness can be literal like the Desert of Sinai or figurative like Hannah's long-suffering prayers for a child. Wherever the wilderness lies, the Bible is clear that those wilderness times are for us...for our instruction...for our growth and spiritual edification.

That's why I've chosen to look at the benefits of the wilderness during the beginning of this Lenten season.

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

Sunday School: 9am
Worship Service: 10:30

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Bulletin Board

Elders:

Shirley Crowe *Don Lewis*
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Judy Holmes *Anne Harris-Cross*
Cindy Sexton

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Choir/Worship Leader: *TBD*

Accompanist: *Denise Pelusch*

CALENDAR

March 9—Daylight Saving Time

March 17—St. Patrick's Day

April 13—Palm Sunday

April 15—Passover

April 18—Good Friday

April 20 Easter Sunday



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 11 am

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:



March—Items for migrant bags

April—Coffee cards for Campus Crusade staff (CRU) to use in their ministry at CU; and “care packages” for Valmont people in college or in the armed forces.

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March 9 – The Wilderness: A Time of Preparation

March 16 – The Wilderness: Seeking a Renewed Identification

March 23 – The Wilderness: Learning Dependence and Trusting Provision

March 30 - Week Off (Unfortunately, I am unable to worship with you this day)



My hope is that we can explore a deeper understanding of how the Lord works during season of waiting.

During Holy Week, we'll take a more traditional look at the road to the cross. But I believe this investigation into the richness of the wilderness time will serve us all well.

In Christ,

Pastor Jenn



And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than

Pig Roasts and Potlucks



Banana Bread from the Kitchen of Stella May

Makes 1 large loaf or 2 small ones

In a large bowl mix 3 very ripe bananas with 2 eggs, and 3/4 cup sugar.

In a separate bowl mix:

2 cups flour or 1 cup flour, 1/2 cup whole wheat flour and 1/2 oat flour

1/2 tsp salt

1/2 tsp soda

1/2 baking powder

2 tb melted butter

Add to bowl with bananas, mix well.

Add: 2/3 chopped nuts

2/3 cup dried cranberries

Put in greased loaf pan or two small loaf pans

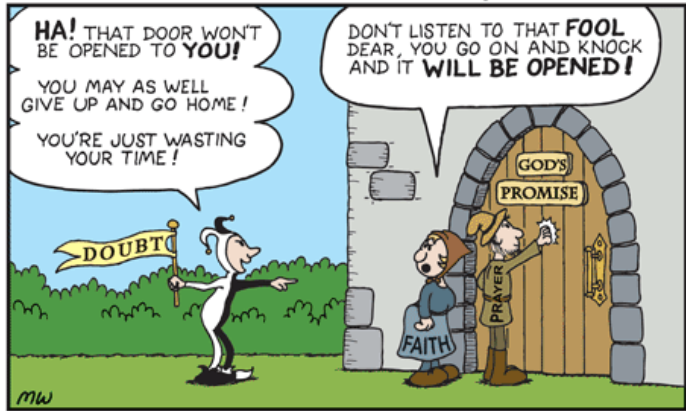
Bake 45 minutes to 1 hour at 350 or until toothpick comes out clean

For gluten-free bread use 1 cup gluten-free flour and 1/2 cup soy flour and 1/2 cup oat flour



KNOCK KNOCK

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

— MATTHEW 7:7 NIV

**PARDONED**

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; COL 2:13,14 NIV

Deacons' Notes—submitted by Judy March 2014

The deacons have visited several members of our congregation who, because of health or other issues, find regular attendance at church challenging. We have enjoyed doing visitation with Jenn Underwood. On behalf of the Session, Cindy Sexton has provided communion to some of our members in their homes. Please let us know if there are people we have not remembered who need special care.

The following Caring Basket items are scheduled for our spring months:

March – items for migrant bags.

April – coffee cards for Campus Crusade staff (CRU) to use in their ministry at CU; and “care packages” for Valmont people in college or in the armed forces.

May – items for Covenant Youth of Alaska (CYAK) – note: this is Adam and Shirleen London's ministry.

June – items for Bags of Grace.

July – school supplies.

Please watch the bulletin for more specific information about items needed for each of these ministries.

It seems there are always those who might need special care: whether a visit or transportation or phone call or special card. If you would like to be a part of the care-giving ministries at Valmont Church, please see one of the deacons: Cindy Sexton, Anne Harris-Cross, or Judy Holmes. Thank you. It is our pleasure to be invited into your homes and lives.

- Judy



Women's Association - submitted by Judy

The Women's Association has been small but mighty the last few months! :-) We have made plans for several activities during the spring months, including:

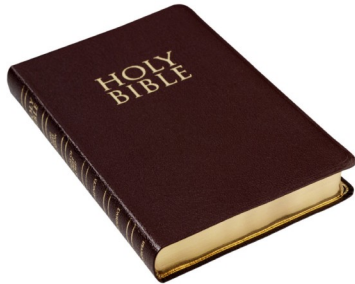
A March 29th forum to share ideas for ministry and mission in the Boulder-Denver area. See below for more information. (No business meeting in March.)

Fill migrant bags (actually, string backpacks(!) for LaPuente, in April meeting. Note: Deacons will collect supplies for migrant bags in the March caring basket.

Provide a Soup and Dessert Luncheon after church in Fellowship Hall to raise money for expenses related to Fall Women's Retreat. Pending approval by Session, we propose the date of Sunday April 13th. Contributions to a donation basket will be voluntary.

For June we are planning a mini-retreat.

- Judy



Ministry and Mission Forum—submitted by Judy

Saturday, March 29th, 10 AM – 1 PM

You are invited to a forum where leaders in our Boulder-Denver community will share about their opportunities for mission and ministry. Included will be speakers:

Greg Harms, Executive Director, Boulder Shelter for the Homeless

One of the leaders from Attention Homes, Boulder

Denise Bourg, Development Director, Providence Network, Denver

Lesley Jackson, Meals on Wheels



Everyone is invited. There will be a light brunch at 10 AM, followed by opportunities for each of the speakers to share about their area of ministry (about 20 minutes each), and time for the audience to ask questions (about 10 minutes each). More details to be announced. We will have flyers to share with other churches, friends of Valmont, and our own congregation. We hope that your interest and commitment to mission and ministry will draw you to this exciting event.

-Judy

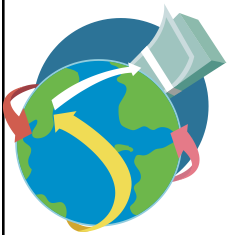
Deacons Funds and Accounts—submitted by Judy

Deacons have several ways of helping those in need. The Joash Fund, Deacons' Compassion Fund, and Deacons' Mission Giving Account are designated for different uses.

The Joash Fund is used for specific financial help for Valmont members and regular church attendees. The funding is provided by members and regular attendees who have expressed an interest in helping as a need arises. When there is a specific need, a Deacon will call or email those interested in helping, to solicit donations to meet the need. The reason for the need may be described, and the name of the person requesting the help is kept confidential outside of the individuals who are contacted. The deacons collect the donations through the church offering, with memo line specifying "Joash Fund." Giving is completely optional and kept confidential each time funds are solicited.



Deacons' Compassion Fund may be used to help Valmont members, members' family and members' friends, and is not limited to these groups of people. It is the discretion of the deacons how to spend money in this fund. Donations designated for the fund are the only source of money.



Deacons' Mission Giving is historically used for mission work outside of the congregation. This pool of money is an annually budgeted amount and supplied from the general offering. Some examples of prior use of this money are: Operation Christmas Child, Boulder County Families' Christmas gifts, Salvation Army, EFFA, Habitat for Humanity, other local agencies who help those in need.

If you are interested in contributing to the Deacons' Compassion Fund, please so designate in the memo line of a check you might place in the offering. If you are interested in being added to the list of members who are called upon to consider giving to the Joash Fund, please let one of the deacons know. Your generosity does make a large difference in the lives of Valmont families and friends. Thank you for your consideration. - Judy



Hello Valmonsters,

We had hoped to see you all at church again before we headed West after the New Year but medical / dental stuff took a lot more time than we thought. We were particularly sorry not to get in a visit with Buddy after his nasty fall. As it was, we expected to beat bad weather on the way to Washington, but a "winter storm" met us on our first day. It got really bad so we had to stop early. Next day was also stressful, including two spots where big rigs were on their sides. Emergency crews were just arriving at both, so we could have been involved but for a few minutes. Were you praying for us? Somebody must have been. Thank you!

Here's a true story we thought you would enjoy:



"After a discouraging day showing the *JESUS* film in northern Ghana, the film crew decided to pack up their gear. Only two percent of the people in the region were believers, and not one person out of the hundreds watching had responded to the invitation of salvation given after the film. Suddenly a man named Mbugri approached the team and asked for prayer. He prayed with them to accept Jesus into his life. The other villagers were astounded! Because he was deaf, they didn't understand how he had even understood the film or the message given afterwards.

"Mbugri explained that halfway through the film showing, he could suddenly hear for the first time in his life! He knew it was Jesus who had healed him. Seeing this wonderful miracle, many villagers—including Mbugri's entire family of eight—accepted Jesus into their lives."

This is not an isolated event. The Jesus film has been translated into more languages and watched by more audiences than any other film in cinematic history! It is based on the Gospel of Luke, translated by Wycliffe Bible Translators. Campus Crusade for Christ International and Wycliffe work together to bring the JESUS film to people all over the world in their heart languages. Something wonderfully similar to the story above is probably happening somewhere in the world as you read this. These things can happen anywhere when believers pray...

Blessings on you all,

Stu & Edith Nelson, Wycliffe Bible Translators

She Who Kneels Before God
Can Stand Before Anyone

"Be still
and know
that I am
God"

Psalms. 46:10

"The Christian Life is
about relationships, not
performance."

Neil Franks, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Branson, MO.

Your talent is Gods gift to you. What
you do with it is your gift back to God

Leo Buscaglia

TOP TEN PREDICTIONS FOR 2014 submitted by Don

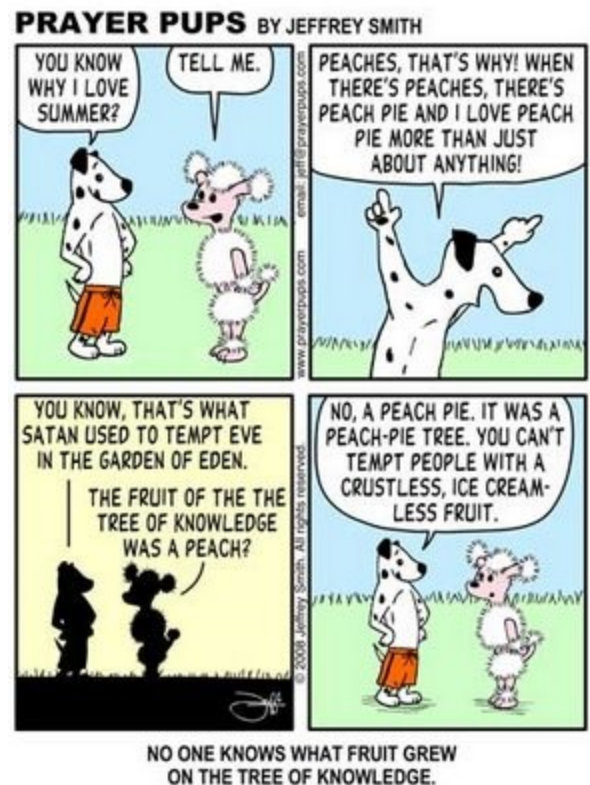
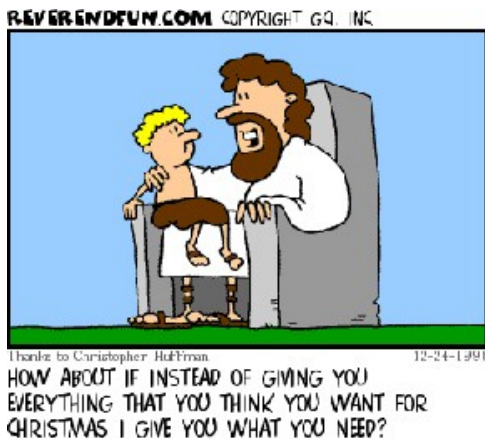
With all the problems the World is facing, it can be unsettling to the mind. Today, I share with you ten predictions that are true.

1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. Prayer will still be the most powerful thing on Earth..
3. The Holy Spirit will still move..
4. God will still honor the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost when they come to Him.



Isn't it great To Remember Who Is Really In Control, and that; "the Word of the Lord endures forever." (1 Peter 1:25)

I hope you found this encouraging and will send it to friends. Sometimes we need the reminder of just WHO is really in control.



It's your Vintage

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