

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

May/June 2014

Valmont VINTAGE

CELEBRATING *150 years* OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS!

Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



Pastor Jenn

Promised Land hopes in a Kingdom of God Reality

We all want the Promised Land. We deeply desire to live in a house we did not build, drink from wells we did not dig and gather grapes we did not plant (Deut 6:10-12). God's promise to Israel greatly appeals to Americans today. We want the maximum reward for minimum effort. But God's promise wasn't to Americans...it was to a barely cohesive band of people who were mostly of Abrahamic descent. They'd been in slavery for nearly 400 years and they had no sense of national pride or any concept of how to pull themselves up

"by their boot straps." Apart for being sandal clad, they had little idea of what life without orders entailed.

Instead of dwelling in the land flowing with milk and honey, we're informed, "in this world we will have trouble" (John 16:33). Peter tells us that we are destined to live as aliens and strangers in this world (1 Pt 2:11), and yet we strive (sometimes with ridiculous effort) to make a home in this world.

Instead of finding ease, we've found this path very hard. And are we surprised (John 15:18, 1 Peter 4:12, 1 John 3:13).

"In this world you will have trouble..." Check!

Perhaps because we don't understand the utter beauty of Jesus' life advice: "BUT take heart, I have overcome the world." 3500 years ago, God gave a people who were landless, slaves standing and a home. And we long for that... stability. But we forget how many generations were promised a home in Canaan that never saw the fulfillment of that promise.

Years ago one generation of many generations of slaves got to experience freedom. Because those who

can before them prayed fervently for it! Today I wonder what God is calling this generation to pray for...

I think we can learn so much from the words of Jeremiah to the exiled Israelites:

Build homes, and plan to stay. Plant gardens, and eat the food they produce. Marry and have children. Then find spouses for them so that you may have many grandchildren. Multiply! Do not dwindle away! And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare." - Jeremiah 29:5-7

While we ARE aliens in this world, (Continued on page 3)

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

Sunday School: 9am
Worship Service: 10:30

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TRIBUTE TO GENE SAWHILL

By Joy Keeter

On March 6, 2014, Valmont people turned out and the church was full of those who came to honor and celebrate the life of Gene Sawhill. Before that service and one quarter mile south he was buried with military honors at the cemetery where his grandparents and uncles had been buried in the 1930s. It was a special time as family and many friends gathered on a beautiful afternoon. As people gathered back at the church it was also a special time to hear about my farmer brother who had lived in this Valmont area 86 years and attended Valmont Church from the time he was a little boy to when he was an old man. He took communion two weeks before his passing. He teared up easily and was very emotional about his family and when he asked for prayers for his county. He will be sorely missed by the community and me as he had so much knowledge in his head.

For the last several years Buddy, John Gonacha, and Gene had often gone to Turley's for lunch. It was a special time for them and the back pew on the south is missing the guys.

I am so thankful that his faith sustained him through these many years and that he is with his Lord and Savior.



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



(continued from page 1) we cannot give up on it or hide from it! We must invest in those around us, in business, and in family. It is not sufficient to sit and hope for the Promised Land on the other side of this life. We have to work! Jesus' teaching assures us that the Kingdom of Heaven has already begun.

Do we, as Jeremiah instructs, passionately pray from our community? For our coworkers?

How are we pouring ourselves out for the welfare of those around us?

Let us commit as a congregation to praying for our community and its well being!

Pastor Jenn



Pig Roasts and Potlucks

Zucchini in Cream Dill Sauce from the Kitchen of Elaine

Makes 6 servings

Ingredients:

- ◆ 2 1/4 pounds unpaired zucchini, cut in strips (7 cups)
- ◆ 1/2 cup water
- ◆ 1 ts instant chicken bullion granules
- ◆ 2 TB butter, melted
- ◆ 1 ts lemon juice
- ◆ 1/2 cup dairy sour cream
- * 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
- * 1 tp salt
- * 1/2 ts dried dillweed
- * 2 ts sugar
- * 2 TB all purpose flour



Directions:

In a saucepan, combine zucchini, onion, water, salt, bouillon and dillweeds; bring to boiling. Reduce heat; simmer, covered for five minutes or until zucchini is just tender. DO NOT DRAIN. Add butter, sugar and lemon juice and remove from heat. Blend flour into sour cream. Stir about half the cooking liquid into the sour cream; return all to saucepan. Cook and stir until thickened and bubbly.



Buddy's Blueberry Pie from the Kitchen of Ella

Makes 1 to 16 servings



Line a 9 inch pie plate with pastry.

Combine 4 cups fresh or frozen blueberries with 3/4 cup sugar, 3 tablespoons of flour, 1/2 tsp. grated lemon peel, dash of salt, 1/2 teaspoon of cinnamon, 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg. Fill pie shell. Sprinkle with 1/2 tps. lemon juice; dot with 1 tbsp. butter. Adjust top crust.

Bake at 400 degrees 35-40 minutes. Best served warm, and, of course, with ice cream.



PDA and Valmont

Because of the number of homes damaged or destroyed in last fall's, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is setting up camps to provide lodging and cooking facilities in our area. St Andrews church will be the site of a PDA camp in Boulder and Valmont church (as well as 1st Pres) are teaming up with them to help with the hosting duties during the summer months that their camp is open. Valmont will take 3 or 4 weeks over the summer and be the hosts for those weeks.



Hosting duties will include meeting with the incoming teams, being available to help answer questions and providing general help as needed during this week. We will also be hosting a Wednesday night potluck at Valmont to provide the team with a home-cooked meal during their work week.

Our first week of hosting will be the week of June 21-28. This week will be special as a number of us will be going out to the work sites to help with the rebuilding in addition to providing the hosting. Stephen and Dottyanne and Stephen's sister Diane and her husband Allen are all coming into town to help on the job sites this week. There are also a number of people from Valmont who will be working on the job sites this week.

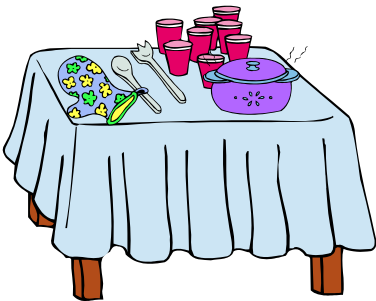
How can you participate?

Consider volunteering on the job site one or more days the week of June 21-28. As we are local, you don't need to commit to the full week and you can go home to your own bed every evening.

Consider helping Ruth Lewis with the cooking. She has graciously volunteered to shop for and cook the evening meals this week. She will need assistance and this is a great way to help out the teams.

Consider being a member of Valmont's hosting team. St Andrews will be providing some training of what needs to be done as a host. There probably won't be too much work involved and you don't need to necessarily be a member of the hosting team each of the 3 or 4 times Valmont does it.

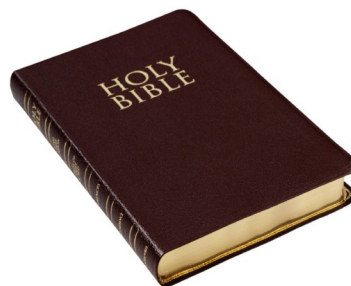
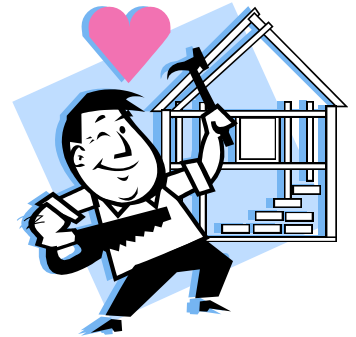
Come to the Wednesday evening potluck. Those of us who have been on PDA trips can tell you how much it means to have a church provide a potluck and fellowship with you. Everyone has a great time. Cindy will be coordinating these potlucks.



Please pray for the PDA teams and for the hosting churches.

Consider a financial donation. In the past, God has led our teams to people who have needs beyond what the local relief organization is able to provide. Your donations have made a big difference.

Look for additional details as the time gets closer.—Cheryl



SOUP/DESSERT LUNCH

On Sunday May 18, bring your appetite to Church with you. The women, who are planning to go to Retreat in September will be providing a soup/dessert luncheon right after Worship service. There will be a variety of soups and desserts from which to choose. There will also be an offering basket available, if you wish to help defray the cost of the Retreat. However, it is NOT necessary for you to donate in order for you to have lunch with your family & friends.



WOMEN'S RETREAT



Ladies, please mark your calendars for September 12-14 and plan to join your friends at Highlands Camp for our annual Retreat. Your committee, Joyce Glazier, Judy Holmes, Ruth Lewis and Cindy Sexton are currently planning program and cost. We welcome any suggestions you wish to share with us. Plan to join your friends for a weekend of fellowship, learning and fun.

HOLY HUMOR

During these serious and troubled times, people of all faiths should remember these four great religious truths:

1. Muslims do not recognize Jews as God's Chosen People.
2. Jews do not recognize Jesus as the Messiah.
3. Protestants do not recognize the Pope as the leader of the Christian world.
4. Baptists do not recognize each other at the liquor store.

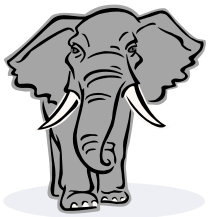


GOOD SAMARITAN

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?" A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence. "I think I'd throw up."

Politics and the Church

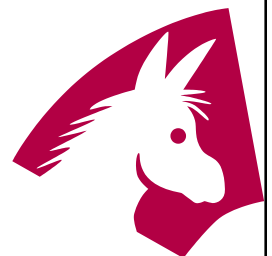
Can or should churches be political? Why are churches afraid to become involved in the political arena? What exactly is the church prohibited from doing in this area. There is only one thing, declaring the churches preference for one candidate or another. That is it.



The church should be involved in issues of the day. It can speak out on issues of race relations, health care, activities the church might consider sin, etc. Basically they can speak out on any issue relating to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness (property rights). Just don't tie a political candidate to any of those issues directly. Encouraging voting is OK and actually to be commended.

So what issues do I see affecting the people of Colorado, personally, governmentally or economically? Individuals should do some personal research before deciding on any one issue. Fracking (if you don't know, ask). Abortion and the processes they use. When does life begin? (life...). Hunger, how should the church support hunger relief? Should our government invest in private companies? Should the church object to a government entity taking someone's private property (... pursuit of happiness)? Should the church oppose government's attempts to limit public speech (... liberty,...)?

Some people think that becoming involved in these issues should not be a function of the church. I do not believe that is true. The only reason this country is as free as it is because the churches have not been afraid to speak out. God-less people will win when God's people do nothing.



Don Lewis

Deacons and Women's Association want to say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who contributed items for the Migrant Workers' bags to be delivered to La Puente in Alamosa. We were able to fill 20 bags, 10 for men & 10 for women.

WOMEN WATCH for MORE INFO.

On a Saturday, to be decided, in June we will be having a mini-retreat at the home of Joy Keeter. We don't mean to keep you in suspense and will get the word out as soon as details are worked out.

Thanks, Cindy



HIGHLANDS HIGHLIGHTS

*Highlands – A Sanctuary for the Spirit, a School for the Mind,
a Joy for the Heart and a Shelter in the Storm.*



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There are many ongoing repair projects underway at the camp. The electrical service in the main camp is being updated. This work is being done when guests are not on site. The summer cabins will be opened and readied for campers on May 17th. That is the date of the spring work day. If you could help, please let me know so a lunch can be provided. The hours are 9:00 to 4:00.

Summer camp registration is under way. There will be 14 partnership day camps in addition to six weeks of residential camps. Valmont will be hosting one of the day camps on July 21 – 25. This will be the second year to host a day camp. Last year was very successful. You may contact me with any questions.

I hope you will keep the Highlands ministry in your prayers.

Blessings!!

Ruth Lewis

Moderator,

Highlands Camp Committee



JAARS Service

This edition of "A Birds-Eye View" has a number of photos showing Dottyanne's classroom in action. Her workload will pick up some this year, as JAARS will begin hosting three Intercultural Communication Classes each year. For each month-long ICC session, the Mission Kid Station basically goes into surge mode to handle the extra students. That is a critical time for the kids and their parents as they transition from their "old normal" life into what will become their "new normal" overseas culture. Please pray for teachers, students and parents.

Valmonters: Ask Don and Ruth about their visit to JAARS Center. I didn't get a photo of Don, but he managed to find the radios and solar-powered batteries.



Pray for People Servicing in the Military:

Adam Glazier - Son of Adam & Joyce Glazier

Ashley Glazier - Daughter of Adam & Joyce Glazier

Mindy Craig - Daughter of Rex & Cheryl Craig



The Short List of Valmont's Missions:

- ♦ Bags of Grace
- ♦ PDA work week
- ♦ CYAC - Alaskan Village
- ♦ Card Ministries
- ♦ Adopt a church: San Luis
- ♦ Adopt a family
- ♦ Bags for migrant workers
- ♦ PDA hosting
- * The James Project
- * Wycliffe Bible, Missionaries: Stu and Edith Nelson
- * Wycliffe Bible, Missionaries: Stephen and Dottyanne Bird
- * Valmont Church Lake Ministries
- * Sponsored community events: Pig Roast
- * Rides to church program.
- * Learning Center garden



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