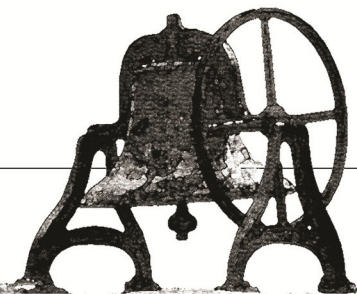


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Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



THE FELLOWSHIP OF PRESBYTERIANS

Our Session at Work

The session meeting after service on Jan 5, was an examination meeting of our newly elected Elder, Pearline Toney and Deacons, Deborah Clem and John Olson who agreed to continue in their service as Deacons.

It was a joyous meeting in a way, starting this new year with great trust in the Holy Spirit to guide us to our new Pastor. Clayt Evans, our COCO representative, assured us that Valmont's PNC committee has done an amazing job in a short period of time. It may not feel like that at times because we all understand now how much our Pastor plugged the holes and filled the gaps.

Our deacons discussed with the session more ways to provide service to the greater community as well as within our church. So stay tuned for some of their upcoming plans.

A few business items came up dur-

ing our meeting. Don Lewis and Joyce Glazier are working to rewrite the contracts for Church Facility Usage and Hold Harmless Agreement. And the session will be getting some more information so that new windows can be installed in the sanctuary.

We closed in prayer. Our next meeting is Jan 21 at 10:00

Submitted by Peggy

ATTITUDE

by Charles Swindoll

The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company...a church...a home.

The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it.

Submitted by Debby C

Ask a friend to join you.

You Have A Friend At Valmont!

Worship at 10:30

No Sunday School

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Bulletin Board

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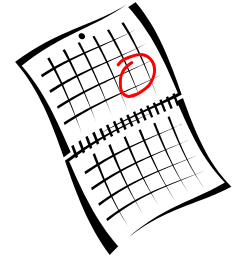
Choir/Worship Director:

Jack Harless

Accompanist:

Stella Pradeau

Calendar



- 1/5 - Worship at 10:30am,
Choir Rehearsal at 9:15 am
- 1/5 - Session at 12:00am
- 1/8 - Women's Association at 10:00am,
- 1/12 - Worship at 10:30am,
Choir Rehearsal at 9:15 am; PNC at noon
- 1/13— Deacons meeting at 3:30 pm
- 1/19 - Worship at 10:30am,
Choir Rehearsal at 9:15 am
- 1/21—Session meeting at 10 am
- 1/26 - Worship at 10:30am,
Choir Rehearsal at 9:15 am
- 2/2 - Worship at 10:30am
Choir Rehearsal at 9:15 am
- 2/9 - Worship at 10:30am,
Choir Rehearsal at 9:15 am
- 2/10—Deacons meeting at 3:30 pm
- 2/11—Session meeting at 10 am
- 2/12—2nd Wednesday Sack lunch at 12:30 am
- 2/16 - Worship at 10:30am,
Choir Rehearsal at 9:15 am
- 2/21 - Women's Association at 10:00am,
- 2/25 - Worship at 10:30am,
Choir Rehearsal at 9:15 am

Who's at the Church

- Iglesia meets Sunday 3-5 pm
Tuesday 7 to 8 pm
Wednesday 7 to 9 pm
Thursday 7 to 8 pm
- Silver Wings Arts -10 am to 4 pm Mon thru Fri
- Rocky Mountain Chorale - Monday 6:30 to 9
- PEO #1 - 2nd Monday Sept-May 12 -4 pm
Jun-Aug 9-12pm
- PEO Mah Jonng 1st & 3rd Monday 1 to 3 pm
- Zonta Foothills - 2nd Thursday 5:30 to 8 pm
- Busy Bees—4th Tuesday 12 to 3 pm
- Ukulele Group - Friday 6 to 8 pm
- Women's Association meets Third Wednesday
(Sep-May) at 10 am
- Session, second Tuesday from 10 am to 1 pm
- Deacons, second Tuesday at 3:30 pm



Pig Roasts and Potlucks

Breakfast Casserole—from Jack's kitchen



Ingredients

- ◆ 2 ½ cups herbed croutons
- ◆ 4 eggs
- ◆ 1 can Cream of Mushroom soup
- * 2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- * ¾ tp dry mustard
- * 1 box Sautéed Fresh Mushrooms
- * 2 lbs Jimmy Dean Sausage
- * 2 ½ cups Milk

Instructions

Cook sausage well. Drain and crumble.

Place Croutons in the bottom of greased 9x13 pan. Top with cheese. Cover with crumbled sausage. Beat eggs, mustard, milk and soup (+ mushrooms). Pour slowly over sausage mixture. Refrigerate overnight

Bake at 300 degrees for 1 ½ hours

Saucy Meatballs



Baked Meatballs Ingredients

- Italian-seasoned bread crumbs
- Season with salt, black pepper, onion powder, and garlic powder.
- Eggs: 1 or 2
- * Cheese: Romano and/or Parmesan
- * Fresh parsley
- * Meat: ground beef or Turkey.

Mix the bread crumbs, cheese, parsley, and seasonings together. Then stir in eggs, then add the ground beef. Form the mixture into balls and place them on a baking sheet. Bake the meatballs at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes

Meatless Spaghetti Sauce Ingredients

- 1 medium onion , chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- crushed red pepper flakes , to taste
- 1/4 cup fresh basil leaves (optional)
- * 15 ounces tomato sauce
- * 1 Tb dried parsley flakes
- * 1 Tb Worcestershire sauce
- * Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- * 6 ounces tomato paste
- * 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- * 1 Tb granulated sugar

Instructions

In a large skillet, add chopped onion to brown. Add tomato sauce, tomato paste, Italian seasoning, parsley, garlic powder, crushed red pepper, Worcestershire, and sugar to the skillet. Stir well to combine and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 30 minutes. Add chopped basil before serving, if desired. Combine Sauce and meatballs—simmer on low uncovered or use a crock-pot.

Or just a package of Italian Meatballs and a jar of White Linen sauce from Costco is what Deb G. did!

Creamy Hashbrown Bake —from Jack's kitchen



Ingredients

- ◆ 1 can cream of celery soup
- ◆ 4 Cups frozen hashbrown
- * 1/3 Cup Milk
- * ¼ to ½ cup sliced sautéed onions
- * 4 ounces of Cream Cheese
- * ½ cup shredded cheddar cheese

Instructions

Combine soup, milk and cream cheese. Cook over medium heat until smooth. Mix together potatoes, onions, soup, milk and cream cheese. Pour in to 9x13 greased pan.

Cover with foil and bake 1 ½ to 2 hours at 350 degrees.

Remove foil, cover with cheddar cheese and melt under broiler.

Observatory Update

We had the solar power shut down on us a month or so. Don and I got the solar power back up and running, but since we didn't know why it shut off, we connected Xcel Energy as an additional power source to protect the infrastructure.

We added a power source to for the WiFi. The WiFi is up and running, but the security cameras are not yet installed. Mike G

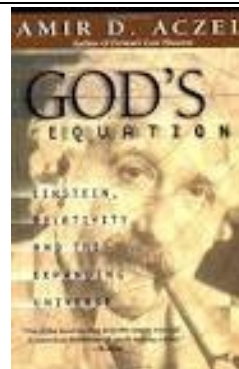
Don is metering the battery and the Inverter



A Book in Mind

I enjoy reading so I tend to accumulate books I have yet to read. Today I picked up "God's Equation" by Amir D. Aczel. The beginning of chapter 2 has this quote "Raffiniert ist der Herr Gott, aber boshaft ist er nicht." – Albert Einstein

One translation is "Tricky (crafty, shrewd) is the Lord God, but malicious He is not". Amir says "I believe that the correct translation tells us more about Einstein's personal relationship with his God."



So, why bring this up? Well, our church body has this bent to study the stars and Mr. Perlmutter made some realizations about the observation in 1998 that the whole universe is expanding and not only but increasingly expanding. Scientists still do not understand why this is so. On page 218 of my book is a mathematical encryption of God's equation. If you want to see it I will try to remember to bring the book.

"I know it is so of a truth; but how should man be just with God? If he will contend with him, he cannot answer him one of a thousand... Who commands the sun, and it rises not; seals up the stars. Who alone spreads out the heavens and treads upon the waves of the sea. Who makes Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades and the chambers of the south. Who does great things past finding out; yes, and wonders without number." Job 9 ... Don

About your Vintage Newsletter

This newsletter is YOUR publication! It is who we are, what we do, from the people of our congregation. The Vintage is mailed, emailed and distributed to people in and outside of our church. This is your voice! As for me, I just compile, edit, message, find filler and seek articles, recipes and photos from everyone. Yes, Debbie does the final editing for the publication.

We have five publication per year:

January and February in the **Winter** issue, March, April and May in the **Spring (Easter)** issue,
 June, July and August in the **Summer** issue, September and October in the **Fall** issue,
 November and December is the **Christmas** issues.

The deadline for receiving the information for the newsletter is usually the 20th of the month before the first month of the issue. The only exception is the Winter issue. Since Christmas is on the 25th of December, we postpone the deadline until after the 12 days of Christmas making the deadline January 6.

If you have information for the Vintage, you can submit them to Mike Greever via email at mgreever53@gmail.com, or a hard copy given to me at church or to Ella in the office.. You don't need to wait until a request for articles, you can always send them anytime; I will save them for the appropriate issue.

Submitted by Mike

The Deacons' Corner



“O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in;
be born in us today.”

New Year's Greetings from the Valmont Deacons! With an occasional exception, we meet at 3:30 pm at Valmont on the second Monday of the month. January's meeting will be Monday January 13th.

You will notice that the photo wall in the back of the Sanctuary is taking shape nicely due to John's efforts to update Valmont congregation photos to include new members and friends. The lower section will be dedicated "In Loving Memory" of those we have lost. Sadly, this now includes David Purvis and Elaine Edmondson who passed away in November and December 2024. With the launching of the Deacon project "My Story" to record personal histories, we were able to learn some of David's life. To share memories, stories, and honor Dave and Elaine, an informal time during after church coffee hour is in the plans for early 2025. Stay tuned for the date.

Project "My Story" has been launched! Several of our members have been interviewed in 2024. Please let us know if you are interested in sharing your life history. This is a fine way to get to know more about each other, our backgrounds and heritage. It is without exception a rich and surprising endeavor.

At years end, it was decided to donate Deacons' outstanding budget monies to Crossroads School. This is an outstanding ministry reaching students who were struggling, turning around young lives through strong education, fine teachers, ensuring high school graduation, and facilitating career preparation. Don & Ruth Lewis are longtime volunteers at the school. A number of gift cards found in the church office were donated to Crossroads. Also found were grocery cards that we have donated to Westview Presbyterian Church Food Pantry, which has a long-time association with Valmont volunteers.

In the Spirit of Christmas... thanks to everyone's generosity, the Deacons delivered twenty-two Visa card Christmas presents to TGTHR homes! They have responded to say these were most appreciated by the young people they serve. As well, Christmas cards were mailed to shut-ins and former members. Our ongoing card ministry continues to reach out and support members, some of whom are going through difficult times. In the new year, we will continue visits to those confined at home. Please let us know if there is someone who would appreciate a card, visit, or other special care. It is through our church family that we learn of these needs. Thanks Valmont!



Your Faithful Deacons- John Olson, Debbie Greever and Debby Clem.

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Pastor Replacement Submitted by Steve C.

Since the last Vintage article of November 2024, the Pastor Nominating Committee has focused on the Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP). We submitted version 1 the end of November and received comments back from Session and Presbytery. The PNC met on December 1 and agreed on which comments and changes to incorporate, then submitted version 1.1 to Valmont Session and Presbytery. On December 3, we received approval of our Ministry Discernment Profile from both groups - a major milestone.

Meanwhile, the PNC was deciding which of the Presbytery's 14 Pastor competencies were most important to Valmont. We came to an agreement and applied relative values to our most important Pastor competencies. We are currently working on interview questions to ask the potential candidates.

After receiving the information from Presbytery and the proper permissions, we were able to load our MDP and Pastor Competencies into the Church Leadership Connection website. On December 17, the PNC received our Christmas present! We had 25 matches to our MDP and Pastor Competencies! This means the Presbytery has 25 Pastors, Associate Pastors, or Education Leaders that possibly meet our requirements. We are excited! This is a huge milestone for Valmont. Over the holidays, each member of the PNC is reviewing the Pastor information to put candidates into categories: Yes we want to proceed, Maybe (set aside), and No (not a good fit for Valmont). At our January PNC meeting we will determine the "Yes" candidates we all agree on!

As we review the Pastor Discernment Profiles (PDP) we will prayerfully turn to God, to decide which of these candidates might be a good match for Valmont. Stay tuned!

Pastor Nominating Committee:

Steve Clem (Chair), Peggy Moore (Secretary), Anne Harris-Cross, Marilyn Howard, Mike Greever.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



We experienced the beauty of Christmas in Story through songs, bells, lights, and the message of Peace Hope, Faith, and Love.



Jack's beautiful solo of "Oh Holy Night"

Our guest Flutiest, Lilly Pradeau, (Stella's daughter) performed phenomenally through out the service.



The service was under the fantastic Elder leadership, Steve Clem

How great the music through the choir and bells.



Thank you for the many readers on the scripture—Photo is Deb Greever



Another wonderful quartet performance by our member's grandchildren on December 15.



We enjoyed another melodic performance by Randy and Linda



Where in the world is God's plan?

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 mgreever53@gmail.com or give to **Ella** in the office.
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