

July/Aug 2020

Valmont VINTAGE

CELEBRATING *150 years* OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS!



Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



Pastor Eric

Then they gathered around Jesus and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

-Acts 1:6-8

I don't believe it would be an exaggeration to say that we are in a moment of crisis. Over the last few months our country's divisive rhetoric has escalated to a boiling point during a hotly debated quarantine, meant to address COVID-19. Questions of systemic racism, relationships with police, and role of gov-

ernment have inspired protests around the country. Domestic extremist groups representing the Alt-Right and Far-Left (The Old Boys, The Boogaloo Boys, Antifa) are growing in numbers and advocating violence. We are speeding ahead toward an election season that will invariably increase anger and resentment as people hunker down in their ideological echo chambers. We are in a season of division.

What, in the midst of this societal crisis, is the church to do? Where are Jesus' kingdom and power and glory put on display?

As members of the Presbyterian tradition, we are encouraged to turn to Scripture in the midst of such crises, believing that God has not abandoned us to sort through these matters alone — rather we are assured that we have a Lord to lead us and Spirit to empower us in this task. I have cited the beginning of Acts above, as I resonate with the disciples' hope. I also yearn to see the fulfillment of the kingdom where every wound is bound and every tear wiped away. I pray that Jesus might come in glory and put to right all of the mess that we've helped create.

However, it is my belief that this is not that time set by the Father's authority. Though there are wars and rumors of wars; though all of creation groans; though we capitulate with the abominations of desolation every day... It is not my sense that this is how things end. Instead, I hear Jesus' words before his ascension: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses."

This word remains living and active for us today. We, God's people who've been given the Advocate, are not without power in the midst of our current trials. Rather, we are perfectly equipped for the task that has been given us — to be Jesus' witnesses. But witnesses
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Ask a friend to join you.

You Have A Friend At Valmont!

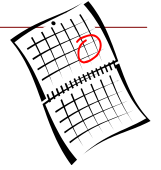
**No Sunday School
Worship Service: 9:30**

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Bulletin Board

Calendar



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Pastor's Schedule:

Sunday: Worship

Monday - Thursday: In the office and responding to email

Friday - Saturday: Weekend

Weekly Activities

Sunday: Iglesia meets 3:00-5:00 pm

Tuesday: Women's Association meets
Third Tuesday at 10 am

Session, third Tuesday at 5:30 pm

Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

Wednesday: No Choir until September

Every Thursday: Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

Every Friday – Valmont Victors 8-10 pm

7/1 - Zoom Fellowship at 6:30pm

7/4 - Independence Day

7/5 - Worship at 9:30am

7/8 - Zoom Fellowship at 1:00pm, Deacons

7/12 - Worship at 9:30am

7/14 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm

7/15 - Zoom Fellowship at 6:30pm

7/19 - Worship at 9:30am, Communion Sunday

7/21 - Session at 5:30pm

7/22 - Zoom Fellowship at 1:00pm

7/26 - Worship at 9:30am

7/28 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm

7/29 - Zoom Fellowship at 6:30pm

8/2 - Worship at 9:30am

8/5 - Zoom Fellowship at 1:00pm, Deacons

8/9 - Worship at 9:30am

8/11 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm

8/12 - Zoom Fellowship at 6:30pm

8/16 - Worship at 9:30am, Communion Sunday

8/18 - Session at 5:30pm

8/19 - Zoom Fellowship at 1:00pm

8/23 - Worship at 9:30am

8/25 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm

8/26 - Zoom Fellowship at 6:30pm

8/30 - Fifth Sunday of Service for
ManorCare at 9:30am

Summer schedule ends on Sunday 9/13 when we re-
sume Education Hour at 9:00am and Worship at
10:30am.

(continued from page 1) to what? His death and resurrection, yes, but mostly his kingdom-life, which is proven to be of God because of his resurrection. His choice to suffer, to show grace, to work reconciliation between Jew and Gentile, Greek and barbarian, slave and free, man and woman... The Spirit has empowered us to bear witness to these.

The Church is God's continued plan for working Christ's healing rescue in the world, so as we face the crises of the day, we cannot lose hope. God has not abandoned us, but rather empowers us through Christ's Spirit to bear witness to a reality other than what the Republicans and Democrats tell us to be true. We are God's people. And even if this isn't the time for the kingdom to be restored on earth, God has not abandoned us — will not abandon us — in our call to bear witness to how the powerful life of Christ is changing the world.

In Christ, Eric

Pig Roasts and Potlucks

Zucchini Chocolate Cake From the kitchen Debbie G

Ingredients:

- * 2-3 medium zucchini (2 cups shredded)
- * 2 large eggs
- * 1/2 tsp chocolate flavoring (or a squeeze of chocolate syrup)
- * 1/4 cup cocoa
- * 1/2 cup vegetable oil (can substitute applesauce with equal amount)
- * 1/2 cup buttermilk (or add regular milk to 1 1/2 tsp vinegar to make 1/2 cup - let sit for a few minutes)
- * 1 stick butter, softened
- * 1 tsp. vanilla
- * 1 tsp. baking soda
- * 1 2/3 cup sugar (I use 1 1/2 cups)
- * 2 1/2 cups flour
- * 1/2 tsp. salt

Topping

- * 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- * 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

Instructions: Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grease and flour a 13 x 9 baking pan.

Shred zucchini to measure 2 cups. Beat butter, oil and sugar until well blended.

Add eggs 1 at a time beating well after each. Blend in vanilla and chocolate.

Combine cocoa, baking soda, and salt in a medium bowl. Add to butter mixture alternating with the buttermilk - beating well after each. Stir in zucchini - pour into pan. Sprinkle with nuts and chocolate chips.



Fresh Tomato Shrimp Pasta—Reprint from 2007

Ingredients:

- 8 ounces dry fettuccine pasta
- 3 tablespoons fresh oregano leaves
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
- 1 pound cooked shrimp - peeled and deveined
- * 3 cloves garlic
- * 4 tablespoons olive oil
- * salt and pepper to taste
- * 1/2 sweet onion, cut into wedges
- * 4 medium tomatoes, chopped
- * 1 cup spinach leaves
- * 8 ounces fresh mozzarella cheese, diced

Instructions:

1. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add the pasta, and cook for 8 minutes, or until tender. Drain.
2. In the container of a food processor, combine the garlic, onion and oregano. Pulse until finely chopped. Heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the onion mixture; cook and stir until fragrant and almost golden. Mix in the tomatoes, basil, salt and pepper. Simmer for about 5 minutes while the pasta is cooking, stirring occasionally.
3. Mix in spinach until it wilts, then just before the pasta is done, stir in the shrimp. Cook until heated through. Toss with pasta in a large serving bowl, and mix in mozzarella cheese.

Serves 4;

Prep Time: 15 min

Cook Time: 15 min

Deacons

The Deacons' Basket for July is collecting for Trina Proctor's music classes at Long's Peak Middle School in Longmont. A high percentage of the students come from low-income households. They're hoping to increase the use and teaching of piano music by purchasing keyboards at \$300 each.

In August and September the focus will be on shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. VCPC will again be a collection point for Boulder this year, the week before Thanksgiving.



The focus for November & December will again be the Giving Tree for Attention Homes. Of course, food donations for the Round Pantry are always appreciated.

Submitted by Cindy



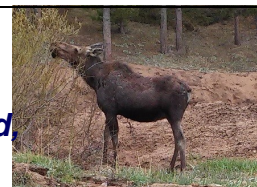
Deacons' Basket

We will continue collecting money for Trina's class through August, and then Operation Christmas Child (OCC Shoeboxes) September & October.



HIGHLANDS HIGHLIGHTS

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



There is great news from Highlands despite the pandemic and economic situation that the country is in.

The first week of virtual camp has been completed with great success. A great deal of planning went into preparation for the week. The camp was for middle school and had eleven girls registered. Information was sent to parents regarding the schedule and discussions that were to be held. There was interactive bible study and discussion, crafts, games, music and campfire songs, and videos of hikes and locations at Highlands.

The retreat center is now open on a limited basis for family groups. If you want to go for the day for a hike, there is a charge of \$5.00 per person. There is limited overnight accommodations. If you are interested, please call the camp for details. The number is 303-747-2888. A great deal of work has gone into preparing the facility to comply with restrictions issued by Boulder county. Plexiglas has been installed at the reception desk and in the kitchen serving areas.

The third trust from the Jane Hays estate has been settled and distribution of funds is to be made by the end of the month. In anticipation of these funds, the Highlands Camp Committee has approved painting of Antelope, Black Bear and staff house #1 this summer if the painter is available.

Please keep the ministry of Highlands in your prayers along with the very generous donors, the hard-working staff, the volunteers and the Highlands Camp Committee!! They are doing amazing job to keep Highlands running during this difficult time!!

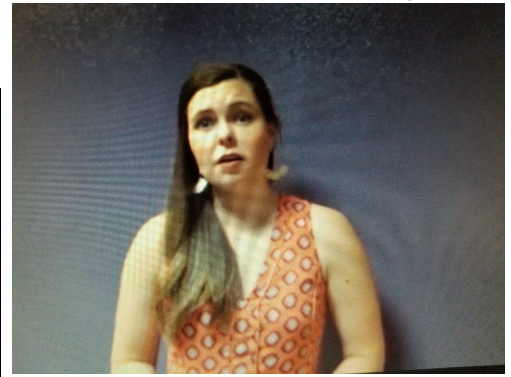
Blessings!!

Ruth Lewis

Highlands Camp Committee



Jennifer
Burks sung
for us in the
service on
June 14th.
Thanks you
Jennifer



Daily Bible reading: 1 Chronicles 1-2 and John 19

“Whose Power is it Really?”

“Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? (11) Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above...” (John 19:11 KJV).

“...For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.” (Romans 13:1 KJV)

A simple fact about God that we tend to forget is that God is “omnipotent” – meaning He has all power. There is no one as powerful as Him. His power is greater than any earthly or other spiritual power.

“...Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.” (Revelation 19:6 KJV)

“Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come...” (Ephesians 1:21 KJV)

By reading the Word and looking at our own lives, we can see that He is also intentional. The crucifixion was a part of His plan. Pilate and the Jews saw a powerless man bound for the grave, thinking they were the ones with the power to send Jesus to the cross, but was the power they think they had in the situation really theirs? Not really. As Jesus told Pilate, the only way they were able to convict Him in the eyes of the world and sentence Him to death was only by the power allowed to them by God. Little did they realize, they were merely instruments of God’s larger plan – reconciling His creation to Him.



We lose ourselves in our daily schedules and our pursuits, thinking we have everything under control until we are reminded of how little control we truly have. This pandemic has reminded us of that. In only a matter of weeks, our lives were completely changed and suddenly even going to work, shopping for groceries, and visiting friends and family were challenges. Aside from the pandemic, there have been threats in nature, happenings in the different governments around the world, and protests that have turned violent.

Do not be dismayed. There is a larger plan at play here. People’s eyes are being turned toward God. Communities and families are uniting in ways they had not been. There are steps of faith being taken, and lives are being changed forever. What we do have power over is our response. It says in Psalms 126:6 “He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves *with him*.”

This rainy season will only yield results in our lives if we remain faithful to God and depend on Him. In due season, we will reap if we faint not! (Galatians 6:8-9)

By Lauren Smith

Submitted by Debbie S.

Just Look Up

THE BUZZARD

If you put a buzzard in a pen that is 6 feet by 8 feet and is entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of its ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner.

The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10 to 12 feet. Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top.

THE BAT

The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkable nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place.

If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air.

Then, at once, it takes off like a flash.

THE BUMBLEBEE

A bumblebee, if dropped into an open tumbler, will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself.

PEOPLE

In many ways, we are like the buzzard, the bat, and the bumblebee. We struggle about with all our problems and frustrations, never realizing that all we have to do is look up!

That's the answer, the escape route and the solution to any problem.... just look up!

Sorrow looks back,
Worry looks around,
But faith looks up!

Live simply,
love generously,
care deeply,
speak kindly, and

trust in Jesus Christ and God The father our Creator, who loves us.



My response is "I'm Blessed"

I know people smile when I say I'm blessed, but there's a reason behind the response. I know I'm seldom "good", not always "well" or "fine", but even when I'm "bad" or not feeling well, God still blesses me -Cindy



Women's Association

All ladies of VCPC are invited to come to Women's Association as we meet 10 am., the 3rd Tuesday of each month September-May. We will be studying the book/video series "Taste and See, Discovering God Among Butchers, Bakers, & Fresh Food Makers" by Margaret Feinberg.

As a result of Women's Association having a speaker from Mother House in May, we made a donation to their ministry. Since then I have talked to Shanan at Mother House, and she sent me the following list of most needed items:

Size 4 and 5 diapers, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, diaper rash cream, hygiene products for mom and baby.

If anyone wants more info on their ministry and/or to volunteer, their website is

www.Mother-House.org.

Blessings, Cindy





Friday afternoons at the lake with some of the ladies from Valmont social distancing.

Just for Fun Ooops ...



Eric's Preaching Schedule

Date	Scripture	Sermon Title	Series	Church Calendar
July 5	Hebrews 9:1-10	Giver of Gifts	Hebrews Pt. 2	
July 12	Hebrews 9:11-28	The Redeeming Lamb	Hebrews Pt. 2	
July 19	Hebrews 10:1-18	Master of Forgiveness	Hebrews Pt. 2	Communion
July 26	Hebrews 10:19-39	Lord of Faithfulness	Hebrews Pt. 2	
August 2		Team Preaching with Chad Kim	Answering A Call	
August 9		Team Preaching with Joseph Moore	Answering A Call	
August 16		Team Preaching with Keith Vandergrift	Answering A Call	Communion
August 23		Team Preaching with Nate Mochizuki	Answering A Call	
August 30		Fifth Sunday of Service with Manor-Care		Fifth Sunday of Service



Irrigation System



Valmont irrigation started out OK this year and then for some reason the pump died. We exercised the Valmont Property group and pulled the pump out which was sent to Boulder Water Well (BWW) in Lafayette. They reported that the motor had burned out. I knew that Highlands Camp and Retreat Center had replaced a well motor similar to what ours with a variable speed motor. We acquired their motor and controller, had BWW attach our old pump to Highlands motor. The group then installed the new motor with pump. Well the system would not work initially. After researching the problem we found out the wiring had deteriorated over the years. So new wires leading to the pump were replaced and installed in conduit to protect it from the weather. The really good news is that the new pump is a 2HP motor replacing our old 1HP motor and we get much better pressure now and the grounds are looking much better. Our thanks go to Patrick, Doug and Adam for their assistance.

In the Lord's service, Don Lewis

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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