

July/Aug 2021

# Valmont VINTAGE

CELEBRATING *150 years* OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS!



Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



## Pastor Eric

*"There is a balm in Gilead To make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead To heal the sin-sick soul."*

So goes the chorus to the African American spiritual "There Is a Balm in Gilead". This refrain has been running about my mind frequently in recent days, mixing together the song's confident theology with memories from Valmont: *The choir's rehearsal times, chipping away at my pitchy rendition of the song. Invitations to dinners, hospital rooms, and hikes in the mountains. A protracted season of meeting online with renewed hopes about life together in-person.*

As is often the case, I find myself writing for this issue of the Vintage around my anniversary as Valmont's pastor. For

the last seven years I've had the privilege of sharing life with you all as I strive to live out my calling to preach God's Word and administer the Church's Sacraments. These shared commitments have, for me, been a balm to make the wounded whole — to help me pursue wholeness.

In the days ahead, as we navigate with one another the developing cultural landscape, I am eager to continue pursuing my life's calling with you. It excites me to consider how we might partner with Jesus in making the wounded whole and healing those sick from sin. What will it mean for us to be disciples of Jesus, who share in his Sacramental life through the guidance of his Word? How can we faithfully demonstrate the confidence, hope, and joy that we experience in times of uncertainty to people feeling fear, anger, and despair? We get to show the world around us what it looks like to know the Lord!

So yes, I am eager to learn what our ministry in this next year will hold. I am excited to share with the world (and one another) God's balm that can make us wounded whole.

In Christ, Eric

Parkinson's  
Picnic at the  
church on July  
28th from 10 am -  
2 pm



Ask a friend to join you.

You Have A Friend At Valmont!

**Worship at 9:30**

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# Bulletin Board

## Elders:

*Cheryl Craig*                      *Doug Myers*  
*Debbie Greever*                *Anne Harris-Cross*

**Clerk of Session:**        *Joyce Glazer*

## Deacons:

*Cindy Sexton*                      *Marilyn Howard*  
*Pearline Toney*

**Treasurer:**                      *Ruth Lewis*

**Church Administrator:** *Ella Travis*

**Choir/Worship Director:**  
*Dr. Andrew Brown*

**Accompanist:**                *Stella Pradeau*

## Calendar

6/30-7/8 - Eric is out of town

7/4 - Worship at 9:30am, Guest Sermon from Stephen Bird, Independence Day

7/11 - Worship at 9:30am

7/12 - Deacons at 10:30am

7/18 - Worship at 9:30am, Communion Sunday

7/20 - Session at 5:30pm

7/21 - All-Church Picnic Dinner at 6:00pm

7/25 - Worship at 9:30am

7/28— Parkinson's Picnic at the church from 10-2

8/1 - Worship at 9:30am

8/2 - Deacons at 10:30am

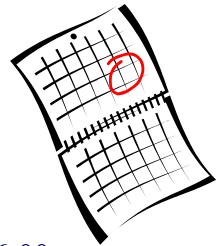
8/8 - Worship at 9:30am

8/11 - All-Church Picnic Dinner at 6:00pm

8/15 - Worship at 9:30am, Communion Sunday

8/17 - Session at 5:30pm

8/22 - Worship at 9:30am



## 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 Wednesday (Sep-May) 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





## Spring Cleanup

Thank you all for all the hard work.



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## Picnics at the Church

### All are Invited



Join us for two all-church picnics on **July 21st** and **August 11th**. These two fellowship gatherings are to provide us all a set of opportunities to enjoy each other's company by the lake. Please bring your own dinner and beverage. Chairs and tables will be setup or bring a blanket to sit on.

## Pig Roasts and Potlucks



### Best Pasta Salad from Deb G's kitchen



#### Ingredients

- ◆ 1 lb cooked pasta
- ◆ 1 lb Salami/summer sausage-cut in small cubes
- ◆ 3/4 C sliced Pepperoncini peppers
- ◆ 1/2 C Fresh parsley, Chopped
- \* 3 C Cherry Tomatoes halved
- \* 8 oz fresh small Mozz cheese balls
- \* 3/4 C Kalamata olives sliced
- \* 1/2 C Sliced red onions
- \* 1 C Marinated Artichoke hearts

#### Dressing

- ◆ 3/4 C olive oil
- ◆ 1 Tb coarse salt
- ◆ 1 tsp dry oregano
- \* 2 Tb white or red vinegar
- \* 1 cloves garlic chopped
- \* 1 tsp dry basil
- \* 2 Tb water
- \* 1 1/2 tsp sugar
- \* Any fresh herbs, chives, parsley desired

#### Preparation:

Toss all ingredients, use immediately or refrigerate up to 2—4 days





### Spring cleanup continued on Wednesday

**Doug and Mike removed all the wire fencing on the North side and moved the gate to the garden area. Plans to remove the poles will be at a later date.**



## HIGHLANDS HIGHLIGHTS

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



Highlands is going through an exceedingly difficult time. The Council of Plains and Peaks Presbytery has accepted the resignation of Maria Shupe, the Executive Director of the camp and retreat center. Her last day was June 18 following fifteen years of serving in that position. Many accomplishments were achieved under her leadership. The mortgage on the retreat center was paid off for the Presbytery in 2020. At the beginning of 2016, the balance was \$1,279,354. This was accomplished by several Highlands donors who named the camp and retreat center in their wills. Currently, Highlands has over two million dollars in their cash and investment accounts. An investment committee was formed to oversee the investments. The committee was formed with individuals who are bankers and knowledgeable in investments. New paddle boats and mountain bikes have been purchased with donations for the benefits of guests. Highlands is in the best financial condition than it has ever been!!

The council has hired an interim Executive Director to serve until the end of October. His name is Terry Buchanan from the Denver Presbytery.

Several family camps are scheduled for June and July. These will be held in the retreat center with activities for the adults and children. There will be a limit of 4- 5 families which would work with the COVID regulations.

The state is planning on closing highway 7 for approximately one year. They are going to reconstruct the highway from Lyons to Highway 72. This will increase commute times for staff and guests.

Please keep the ministry of Highlands in your prayers!! Also please pray for Maria as she makes this difficult transition along with the many donors, the hard-working staff, and the Highlands Camp Committee!!

Blessings!! Ruth Lewis , Highlands Camp Committee

## Just a Thought

Over the past few days I've been thinking a lot about being "blessed". Many times when I respond to "How are you?" by saying, "I'm blessed", I get a bemused look in return--as if to say, "I'll humor her, she's probably past her expiration date."

Today has been a good example. First of all, I HEARD my alarm go off which means both that I woke up and that my sense of hearing isn't completely gone. Next, when opening my eyes, I could tell it was already daylight--my sense of sight is intact. This, while still lying on a comfortable mattress with just the right covering over me. I walked a few feet to the indoor toilet--a real boon to those of us on diuretics. When I turned on the running water, there was both hot & cold water from the same tap--I had not had to go out to the kitchen to heat water on a stove in order to wash my hands, etc. Then, the shower is a spray head on a flexible hose--no need to be like the double-jointed man in the circus sideshow. When I got to the kitchen, I only had to push a few buttons for the scent of coffee brewing & a couple more to make a piece of toast. As I ate the toast & drank the coffee, I knew my senses of smell and taste were working. Looking out the window I could see beautiful flowers in bloom.

Returning to my bedroom, I could choose from several items of clothing to wear as well as more than one pair of shoes from which to select. Did I mention there was a roof over my head and electric lights, as well as thermostatically-controlled temperature surrounding me? Had I chosen to push a few more buttons, I could listen to any genre of music I wanted--at a decibel level of my choosing, or sit in silence for my morning devotions. I also could choose to sit in my recliner, a straight-backed chair, rocking chair, or sit on my patio with my coffee and books.

When it was time to go to church, I only had to turn the key in the ignition--no clutch, or choke to worry about, put the car in gear & drive the 15-20 minutes to worship with friends in a beautiful setting. For lunch I could choose something from pantry, refrigerator, or freezer, OR I could drive to a variety of restaurants and/or grocery stores, where I would have innumerable choices of what to eat.

Prior to moving to Colorado, I had been widowed after having been married for 42 years to a man who loved me enough to raise my 5 boys from previous marriage. I still have many family members and friends who love and care for me. Also, I have been treated well by the medical community. And, best of all, I am a daughter of the King.

Am I blessed? ABSOLUTELY! And this is just the start--in fact, as I'm typing this, I am looking at a gorgeous sunset over the Front Range.

Now you know why I say "I'm blessed".

Blessings to you,

Cindy



### What?

1. What time of day was Adam created?

Just a little before Eve.

2. Who was the fastest runner in the race?

Adam. He was first in the human race.

3. Why are atoms Catholic?

Because they have mass.

4. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?

Because Noah was always standing on the deck

5. Why didn't Noah ever go fishing?

He only had two worms.

6. Did Eve ever have a date with Adam?

Nope — just an apple.

7. Why did the unemployed man get excited while reading his Bible?

He thought he saw a job.

8. Does God love everyone?

Yes, but He prefers “fruits of the spirit” to “religious nuts!”

9. If Mary had Jesus, and Jesus was a little lamb...

Does that mean Mary had a little lamb?

10. What's so funny about forbidden fruits?

They create many jams.



## Deacons' Basket

The plans for the Deacons Basket are:

August, September—Mother House--- School supplies and donations for non-profit shelter for at risk pregnant women

October, November, December— Operation Christmas Child and TGTHR (formerly Attention Homes) Gifts.

Also, the Deacons would like to resume gathering cookies for TGTHR (formerly Attention Homes). I will collect them at noon on the first Monday of each month at the church. - Marilyn

As you probably know, a couple deacons decided we needed a little attention so didn't meet in June. We are, however, collecting back-to-school items. If making monetary donation, please write "school supplies" in the notation line . Cindy



## Operation Christmas Child

Even though the annual collection date is in November, OCC is following the lead of several communities and businesses with a "Christmas in July" promotion. Please consider building a Shoebox on line in July (of course, you can also fill shoeboxes yourself to turn in the week prior to Thanksgiving week at VCPC, this is a bonus for us & for them!). Go to the OCC website and follow instructions to build the online shoebox. Please let Ruth T. know that you've done one (or more) just so she has a rough idea of how many are sent from VCPC. As a result of the shoeboxes, so far more than 26.5 million kids have completed the 12-lesson Greatest Journey course, so there's really no way of knowing how many millions of lives around the world have been given to Christ as a result of the Shoeboxes, as most of those who complete the course do as well as many of their family members. Cindy



**June 6, First in-person service since Easter sunrise service**





Debbie



Cheryl Craig

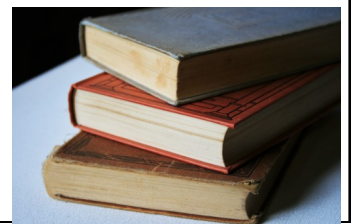


Dan Smathers

Miss Debbie and  
Miss Cheryl  
zoomed with Luca  
and Natalia

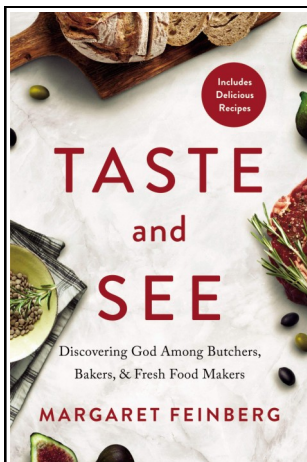
## Church Library

How many of you like to read, and who doesn't? If you do enjoy reading, and have not checked out the Church library, please do so. There's something in there for virtually every taste and style, from fiction to non-fiction, from easy reading to scholarly. Remember, part of library is in back of sanctuary and there's more around the corner in the classroom. Check out as many books as you'd like and you're on the honor system to return them when finished. Cindy



## Women's Association

Starting in September, W. A. will be studying (and sampling) foods from the Bible as we study "Taste and See" by Margaret Feinberg. I guess the term is "multi-media" as we will be watching a dvd as well as reading her book. Speaking of which, please let me (Cindy) know if you plan to attend so I can be sure there are enough books to go around. We meet at 10 a.m. 3rd Wednesday of each month September-May. We will do the study after short business meeting, and will finish with potluck each time. Hope to do something to tie in with the chapters in the book, although one chapter is about figs & it's hard for me to believe they ate, let alone enjoyed, Fig Newtons in biblical times. Cindy



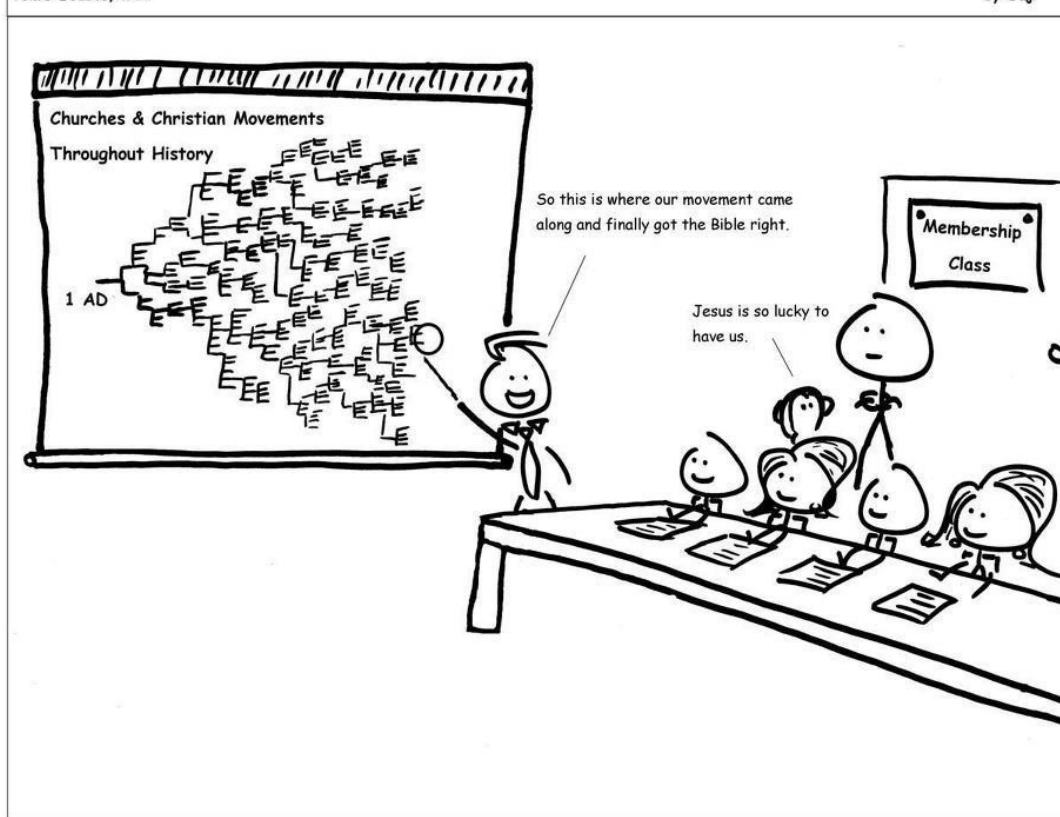


## Eric's Preaching Schedule

Date	Scripture	Sermon Title	Series	Church Calendar
July 4		[Guest Preacher - Stephen Bird]		
July 11	Genesis 32:22-31; Revelation 2:17	Grappling With Our Names		
July 18	1 Timothy 1:1-20	A Son of Faith	1 Timothy	Communion
July 25	1 Timothy 2:1-15	Parsing the Greek Is Not Splitting Hairs	1 Timothy	
August 1	1 Timothy 3:1-13	Book of Order	1 Timothy	
August 8	1 Timothy 3:14-4:16	Out of the Mouths of Babes	1 Timothy	
August 15	1 Timothy 5:1-16	Ordained in Loss	1 Timothy	Communion
August 22	1 Timothy 5:17-6:2a	Fed Oxen and Yoked Slaves	1 Timothy	
August 29	1 Timothy 6:2b-21	Virtuous Dividends	1 Timothy	[Fifth Sunday]

Tom's Doubts, #14

by Saji



Our Catalpa tree  
flower

### 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](mailto:mgreever53@gmail.com) or give to **Ella in the office**

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