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Valmont VINTAGE

CELEBRATING *150 years* OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS!



Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



Pastor Eric

"Life must be lived forward, but it can only be understood backward." - Søren Kierkegaard

As surely as winter must follow autumn, so too does the Christian calendar lead us into Lent following the joys of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. Before we can experience the Hallelujah's and He-Is-Risen's of Easter, we must don the ashes of dust-to-dust and the realization that our voice calls for Jesus to be crucified. Seen in isolation, Lent seems cruel to the point of absurdity. Understood in the movement of the Christian year, it is not the defeat of God's plans for the world, but the very path to victory (no matter how unexpected it might be).

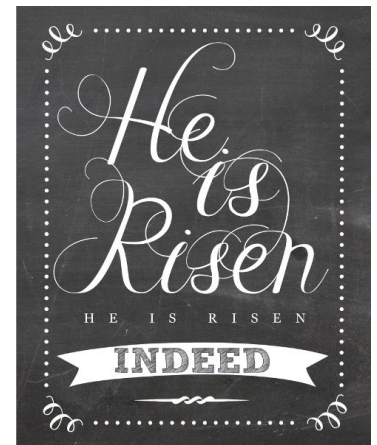
So too with our chosen study for this Lenten season. Jonah, a prophet of the Lord, chooses disobedience and disdain throughout what little we know of his ministerial career, and yet something unique is revealed about the Lord through this oddity of prophetic literature. God's prophet is faithless; God is faithful. God's prophet is without mercy; God is merciful. God's prophet is quick to anger and abounding in steadfast hate. God proves to be the opposite. Yet God uses fallen humanity to redeem fallen humanity. God does not reject, but redeems the lost through the lost.

How might we look backwards on the unusual path of Lent by way of its eventual destination? What do our acts of renunciation and devotion teach us about the God who chooses to be revealed on the cross? How are our Lenten disciplines and practices transfigured by Jesus' persistent march to Calvary?

I pray that we all might heed Kierkegaard's words this Lent. Let us live this season in the moment, trusting that God will reveal meaning, purpose, and transformation to us as we come to our journey's end. Let us move forward into where God is leading us — out of our faithless, merciless, and hateful past

— and into the eternal quality of life offered by Jesus. Our journey through Lent into Easter is as inevitable as God's grace leading to Jesus' resurrection from the dead, so let us walk this path and find life with Jesus, our Lord.

In Christ, Eric



Ask a friend to join you.

You Have A Friend At Valmont!

Sunday School: 9 am

Worship Service: 10:30

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Bulletin Board

Calendar

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Dr. Andrew Brown

Accompanist:

Stella Pradeau



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: Choir 5:45—7:15pm

Every Thursday: Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

Every Friday – Valmont Victors 8-10 pm

3/1 - Worship at 10:30am,
Education Hour at 9:00am

3/3 - Worship Team at 10:30am

3/4 - Deacons at 4:00pm

3/8 - Worship at 10:30am,
Education Hour at 9:00am,
Daylight Saving Time Begins

3/10 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm

3/15 - Worship at 10:30am,
Education Hour at 9:00am, Communion Sunday

3/17 - Session at 5:45pm

3/18 - Mid-Lenten Worship Service at 7:00pm

3/22 - Worship at 10:30am,
Education Hour at 9:00am

3/24 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm

3/29 - Fifth Sunday of Worship with ManorCare —
meet at Valmont at 10:30am

4/1 - Deacons at 4:00pm

4/5 - Worship at 10:30am,
Education Hour at 9:00am, Palm Sunday

4/9—Midday Maundy Thursday Service 12:15-12:45
Evening Maundy Thursday Worship at
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church at 7:00 pm

4/10-Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7:00 pm

4/11-Holy Saturday, Easter Setup at 10:00 am

4/12-Easter Sunrise Service at 6:15 am
Breakfast follows
Worship at 10:30 am



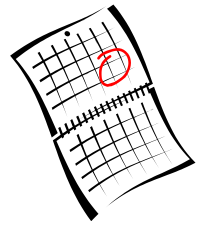
4/14-Worship Team at 10:30 am, Round Pantry at 2:00

4/19-Worship at 10:30 am Communion Sunday
Education hour at 9:00 am

4/21-Session at 5:45 pm

4/26-Worship at 10:30 am
Education hour at 9:00 am

4/28-Round Pantry at 2:00 pm



Wish List for the Church Building

Below is a “wish list” of items that would either be nice to have or that are considered necessary in order to complete phase one of the renovation. If you would like to donate an item, please let Cindy know.

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| ♦ aprons | * butler’s trays | * teaspoons |
| ♦ sugar bowls | * creamers | * 8” plates |
| ♦ frying pans | * water pitchers | * dish drying mats |
| ♦ colander | * cooling racks | * soup spoons |
| ♦ small table | * floor mat near dishwasher | |
| ♦ storage cabinet for supplies in women’s and men’s bathrooms | | |
| ♦ cover for heater in nursery. | | |



Pig Roasts and Potlucks

Hash Brown and Sausage Casserole

From Ruth L.’s kitchen

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| ♦ 1 large package of shredded frozen hash browns | * 2 cans undiluted potato soup |
| ♦ 16 oz. sour cream | * 16 oz. shredded cheddar cheese |
| ♦ 1 C. parmesan cheese | * 1 lb. sausage cooked and crumbled. |

Stir everything together and spoon into 13 x 9 greased baking dish. Bake at 350 for 1 hour.

**You can substitute sausage for cubed ham or other meat

Cheryl's Spinach Casserole

From Cheryl's kitchen

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| ♦ 3 pkg frozen spinach | * 1 envelope onion soup mix |
| ♦ 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese | * 1 16 oz container sour cream |

Defrost the spinach and squeeze out as much moisture as you can. Stir in remaining ingredients, saving a little cheddar cheese to put on the top. Microwave until heated through.

Dear Church Family,

I am so grateful for your continued support and encouragement during this time. My hand continues to heal—X-Rays recently showed 70% healing—and I am amazed daily by the things I am able to do. At the piano, admittedly, it's more challenging and often frustrating. I am trying to be patient and kind to myself, trusting that God is at work and this will all turn out just fine. The whole experience has been life-changing in so many ways.

Your generosity and cards and smiles and inquiries have warmed my heart. I am very happy to be part of the family at Valmont. My goal is to be back at the VCP piano this summer....and I'm planning to bring my dog, Scooter, to all the outside services!

Love and peace to you all—

Stella



Know your Bible?

1. Where did Moses take refuge from Pharaoh after he killed the Egyptian?
A. Midian B. Goshen C. Gaza D. Jerusalem
2. Who was considered the Apostle of Love?
A. John B. Thomas C. Matthew D. James
3. Who recognized Jesus as the Messiah when he was brought to the Temple as a baby?
A. John the Baptist B. Simeon C. Zechariah D. Elizabeth
4. How did God hide the entire nation of Israel as they fled Egypt?
A. He made them invisible
B. He blinded the Egyptian soldiers
C. He moved mountains in front of them
D. He covered them in a cloud
5. What did Jesus do when he first saw Jerusalem?
A. He sang B. He cheered C. He wept D. He danced
6. Who was known as the "weeping prophet"?
A. Jeremiah B. Ezekiel C. Isaiah D. Malachi

Answers: 1.A 2.A 3.B 4.D 5.C 6.A



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 has a new truck complete with a plow and sander installed. (New to Highlands!) This is a great addition for the camp, as it has snowed a lot during this last month, meaning plowing had to be done almost every day. The new equipment is far easier to use and is more efficient than the front-end loader they had been using. Groups visiting the camp appreciate cleaner parking areas.

The annual Mt. Meeker dinner will be held on March 8th at 4:00 PM. Calvary Presbyterian Church and Bruce Jones will be recognized for their service and unique gifts during the past year. It is always an outstanding dinner and program. The program is scheduled so that everyone can get down the mountain before dark. Please RSVP at 303-747-2888 or email at registrar@highlandscamp.org.

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 do an amazing job to keep Highlands running!!

Blessings!!
Ruth Lewis
Highlands Camp Committee



Daily Bible reading: Genesis 1-2 and Matthew 1.

“Shine Your Light”

(Genesis 1:1-5) “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. (2) And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. (3) And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. (4) And God saw the light, that *it was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness. (5) And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.”

In the first day of creation, God created the heaven and the earth. The earth was void of life, completely empty. Then God moved over the face of the earth and called light into existence by simply speaking the words, “Let there be light”. From nothing, God created everything by speaking the words, “Let there be...” This shows us how awesome God is.

As I read these Scriptures, I consider what my life was like before I knew God in a personal way. My life was empty and without spiritual direction. I had some direction in my life, but it did not include God. But then I came to a place where I sought after the Lord. His Spirit moved over me and His divine light shined into my soul. When the Spirit of God moves over the deep places of our soul, then we begin to see God in a different light. He takes the spiritual emptiness and darkness away. We see life in a different light. We see people and the world around us in a different light. As we begin a new year, let us open up our heart and soul and let the Spirit of the Lord move in our life. God will never force His way on us; we have to open our heart to Him. And when we do, then He will move over the deep places of our soul. He will speak into our life and give us the spiritual direction that we need.

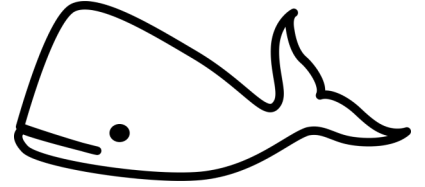
Let us pray – Dear Jesus, you are the light of the world. Shine your light in me, and let me see you in your glory. Thank you for your salvation that is freely given to us. And in this New Year, bless my loved ones and me. The greatest blessing of all is knowing you. Keep you light shining in my soul. Amen.

By Mark Starin

Submitted by Debbie S.

The Tale of the Gold Whale (a memory of Marvyl)

The cloth banner (based on Psalm 148) at the rear of the sanctuary was designed by Carol Strickler in 1983 and made by the ladies of Valmont Church. At the lower left was a whale made of silvery fabric—at the right height for children to see. Over the years children touched and handled it and the whale frayed. That bothered Marvyl. She was a very good seamstress and one Sunday I saw her sitting in front of the whale and appliqueing a piece of gold cloth where the silver had been. She probably used a curved needle because the banner was not taken down for her to do the work. The gold whale was one of Marvyl's last acts of service while she was still able to come to worship. Submitted by Ella



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Scriptures of Thankfulness

1. Psalm 107:1 2. 1 Chron. 29:13 3. Daniel 2:23 4. Psalm 95:2-3 5. Phil. 4:6 6. Philemon 1:4 7. Psalm 100:4 8. Isaiah 12:4 9. 1 Thess. 5:18 10. Psalm 106:1 11. Colossians 3:16 12. Hebrews 12:28 13. Psalm 118-1-8 14. Psalm 69:30 15. Psalm 105:1	16. Colossians 4:2 17. Psalm 28:7 18. Revelation 7:12 19. Jeremiah 33:11 20. Ephesians 5:20 21. Colossians 3:15 22. Jonah 2:9 23. Rev. 4:9-11 24. Luke 22:19 25. Psalm 75:1 26. Daniel 6:10 27. Psalm 136:1-3 28. 2 Cor. 1:11 29. Psalm 30:12 30. Rev. 11:17
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Small Kindnesses

By Danusha Laméris

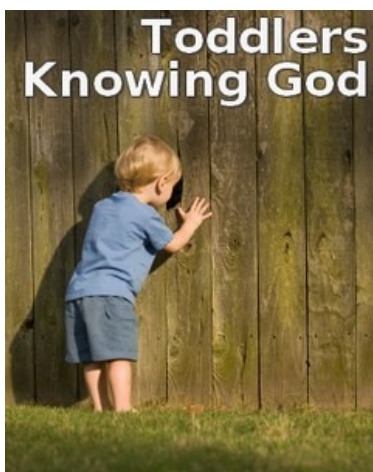
I've been thinking about the way, when you walk down a crowded aisle, people pull in their legs to let you by. Or how strangers still say "bless you" when someone sneezes, a leftover from the Bubonic plague. "Don't die," we are saying. And sometimes, when you spill lemons from your grocery bag, someone else will help you pick them up. Mostly, we don't want to harm each other.



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We want to be handed our cup of coffee hot, and to say thank you to the person handing it. To smile at them and for them to smile back. For the waitress to call us honey when she sets down the bowl of clam chowder, and for the driver in the red pick-up truck to let us pass. We have so little of each other, now. So far from tribe and fire. Only these brief moments of exchange. What if they are the true dwelling of the holy, these fleeting temples we make together when we say, "Here, have my seat," "Go ahead — you first," "I like your hat."

Submitted by Claudette



Time Gets Better With Age Submitted by Cindy

I've learned that I like my teacher because she cries when we sing "Silent Night."

Age 5

I've learned that our dog doesn't want to eat my broccoli either. Age 7

I've learned that when I wave to people in the country, they stop what they are doing and wave back. Age 9

I've learned that just when I get my room the way I like it, Mom makes me clean it up again. Age 12

I've learned that if you want to cheer yourself up, you should try cheering someone else up. Age 14

I've learned that although it's hard to admit it, I'm secretly glad my parents are strict with me. Age 15

I've learned that silent company is often more healing than words of advice. Age 24

I've learned that brushing my child's hair is one of life's great pleasures. Age 26

I've learned that wherever I go, the world's worst drivers have followed me there. Age 29

I've learned that if someone says something unkind about me, I must live so that no one will believe it. Age 30

I've learned that there are people who love you dearly but just don't know how to show it. Age 42

I've learned that you can make someone's day by simply sending them a little note. Age 44

I've learned that the greater a person's sense of guilt, the greater his or her need to cast blame on others. Age 46

I've learned that children and grandparents are natural allies. Age 47

I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seemstoday, life does go on and it will be better tomorrow. Age 48

I've learned that singing "Amazing Grace" can lift my spirits for hours. Age 49

I've learned that motel mattresses are better on the side away from the phone.

Age 50

I've learned that you can tell a lot about a man by the way he handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights. Age 51

I've learned that keeping a vegetable garden is worth a medicine cabinet full of pills. Age 52

I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you miss them terribly after they die. Age 53

I've learned that making a living is not the same thing as making a life. Age 58

I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance. Age 62

I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands.

You need to be able to throw something back. Age 64

I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you. But if you focus on your family, the needs of others, your work, meeting new people, and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you. Age 65

I've learned that whenever I decide something with kindness, I usually make the right decision. Age 66

I've learned that everyone can use a prayer. Age 72

I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one. Age 74

I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love that human touch - holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back. Age 76



Eric's Preaching Schedule

Date	Scripture	Title	Series
March 1	Jonah 1:1-16	Pagan Saints	Jonah
March 8	Jonah 1:17-2:10	Fishy Confessions	Jonah
March 15	Jonah 3:1-10	Penitent Cows	Jonah
March 22	Jonah 4:1-11	Ordained Worms	Jonah
March 29			Fifth Sunday of Service
April 5	Luke 19:28-48	Housekeeping	Going Home
April 12	Luke 24:1-12	Housecoming	Going Home
April 19	Luke 24:13-35	Houseguests	Going Home
April 26	Luke 24:36-53	Homeward Bound	Going Home

Pastor's Schedule:

Sunday: Worship

Monday - Thursday: In the office and responding to email

Friday - Saturday: Weekend



Adult Education

Beginning on 2/16 (and continuing through 4/19) we will be studying Luke's Gospel; however, perhaps in a way that you've never encountered it before. Have you ever wondered what it would be like if Jesus hadn't come in First Century Israel, but rather in Twentieth Century America? This is exactly what is explored in Clarence Jordan's *Cotton Patch Version of Luke*. Join us for a discussion of Jesus rattling good Southern Baptist Christians in the midst of the social and racial turmoil of the 60's.



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 mgreever@rmprohomes.com or give to **Ella in the office**
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