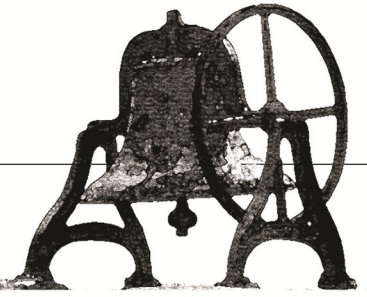


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Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



Observatory Update - Looking Toward the Heavens

We have exciting plans for the observatory, as the warmer weather approaches. We have a fantastic lineup of events planned that we’d love for you to join, whether you’re a seasoned stargazer or just beginning your journey into the wonders of the cosmos. There is a strong desire to have recorded and live video / web viewings at the observatory. There are new technology cameras that target and integrate deep-sky objects in real time. Deep-sky objects include galaxies and nebula. We hope to have our first live events streaming in late May and June. The ability to record also allows folks that are not available during the live telecast to check in later. It will also allow viewers to skip from viewing to viewing without having to wait for the photos to integrate.

The Valmont Observatory Group is all about fostering a love for astronomy and deepening our appre-

ciation of God’s incredible creation. Whether you’re joining us online or in person, we’d love to see you at these events. We plan to host boy and girl scouts and home - schoolers for astronomy and telescope tutorials. Feel free to reach out with any questions or suggestions for future activities.

Clear Skies
Scott

Ask a friend to join you.

You Have A Friend At Valmont!

Worship at 10:30

No Sunday School

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Accompanist: *Stella Pradeau*

Calendar

3/2 - Worship at 10:30am,
 Choir Rehearsal at 9:15 am

3/19 - Women's Association at 10:00am,

3/9 - Worship at 10:30am,
 Choir Rehearsal at 9:15 am; PNC at noon

3/11—Session meeting at 10 am

3/11— Deacons meeting at 3:30 pm

3/16 - Worship at 10:30am,
 Choir Rehearsal at 9:15 am

3/23 - Worship at 10:30am,
 Choir Rehearsal at 9:15 am

3/30 - Worship at 10:30am,
 Choir Rehearsal at 9:15 am



4/6 - Worship at 10:30am
 Choir Rehearsal at 9:15 am

4/9—2nd Wednesday Sack lunch at 12:30 am

4/13— Palm Sunday Worship at 10:30am,
 Choir Rehearsal at 9:15 am

4/14—Deacons meeting at 3:30 pm

4/14—Session meeting at 10 am

4/20 - Sunrise service on the lake—Worship at 6 am
 Breakfast served to everyone 7:15am
 Easter Worship at 10:30am,

4/16 - Women's Association at 10:00am,

4/27 - 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
 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 –2 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

Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Bars



Prep Time - 10 min, Cook Time - 35 mins

Ingredients

- ◆ 3/4 cup butter, cut into Tbsp pieces
- ◆ 1 large egg
- ◆ 1 1/4 cups **Gluten Free 1 to1 ratio flour** or **regular all-purpose flour**
- ◆ 1/2 tsp sea salt
- ◆ 3/4 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- * 1 1/4 cups packed brown sugar
- * 1 egg yolk
- * 1/4 tsp ground cinnamon
- * Flaky sea salt, for sprinkling on bars
- * 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- * 1 tblsp pure vanilla extract
- * 1 tsp baking powder
- * 1 cup old fashioned oats

Instructions

Preheat oven to 325 F. Line a 9x9-inch square baking pan with parchment paper

Place butter in a medium saucepan and melt over medium heat, stirring often, until it foams, smells nutty, and browns. This will take about 5-7 minutes. Scrape the browned butter to a large bowl and let cool for 5 minutes. Add brown sugar and white sugar to the brown butter and stir with a wooden spoon or spatula until smooth. Add egg, egg yolk and vanilla. Stir until combined.

Add flour, baking powder, salt and cinnamon. Stir until just combined, don't over mix.

Stir in oats and chocolate chips.

Pour dough into prepared pan and spread with spatula. You can use your fingers to lightly press the dough into the corners of the pan to make sure the dough is evenly spread.

Bake for 25-35 minutes or until the bars are set and golden brown. Don't over bake the bars, they will continue setting up as they cool.

Remove from oven and sprinkle with flaky sea salt. Let the bars cool before cutting.

Air Fryer Asparagus—from Pioneer Women



Ingredients

- ◆ 1 1/2 lb. asparagus (about 2 small bunches)
- ◆ 1 tsp. kosher salt
- ◆ 1/4 cup breadcrumbs
- * 1 Tbsp. salted butter, melted
- * 1/2 tsp. onion powder
- * 1 tsp. Paprika
- * Black pepper, to taste

Instructions

1. Trim the tough ends of the asparagus (trim more if needed so that the spears fit in your air fryer). Peel the bottom third of the stalks. Toss the asparagus with the melted butter in a large bowl. Add the paprika, salt, onion powder and a few grinds of pepper and toss well. Sprinkle with the breadcrumbs and toss to coat the asparagus in the breadcrumbs.
2. Add half of the asparagus to the air fryer in a single layer and cook at 400°, shaking the basket halfway through, until browned and tender, 6 to 7 minutes. Remove to a platter. Repeat with the remaining asparagus. Sprinkle with any remaining breadcrumbs from the fryer.

YIELDS: 6 - 8

PREP TIME: 20 mins

TOTAL TIME: 20 mins



Easter is coming April 20



Women's Association

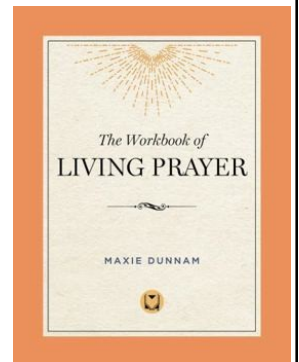
Calling all ladies or fellas who want to engage in a once a month 2 hour fellowship that ends in a delicious potluck lunch. Yes, you are invited to a time of inspiration, reflection, study, and laughter. And you will be instrumental in helping those in need in our community. Come join us in making blankets for infants and youth who benefit from a warm cozy blanket. But we will always welcome your donations to pass on to Crossroads School or other organizations who rely on donations.

If you haven't guessed by now who or what this is about; it is the Women's Association of Valmont. We meet every 3rd Wednesday during the months of Sept. through May. Now if you cannot join us in person, you can help our small but mighty group.

Please share with any of our members, topics for next year's study. We currently are enjoying a workbook on "Living Prayer" by Maxie Dunnam. This is an Upper Room Book.

This is a call to help your Women's Association that has been such an instrumental part of Valmont ministry for many, many years.

Thank you, Peggy Moore, President



About your Vintage Newsletter

Did you know there is a volume and issues number for every issue. It is in the upper right hand corner of the first page. The Volume is the two digit year, so 25 for this year and the issue is a number one through five for the five issues in the year. Also on the top of the first page is our purpose: "Our purpose is to love God, care for others, and be Christ's witness to the world" The abbreviated months, the year and Issues season are on the left side.

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

The deacons have been busy continuing current outreaches, and having a good time looking for new ways to connect and support our congregation and community.

It was a pleasure for the deacons, along with Rev. Stephen Bird, to honor David Purvis and celebrate his life. Several memories of him were shared, and also a letter was read written by his son Dan who lives in the Chicago area. In addition, we had a special fellowship time to honor Alla Miller for her great achievement of becoming an American Citizen, and learn a little about how she came to the U.S. and how she met her husband Phil.

We are continuing the Caring Basket ministry collecting food for The Round Pantry in Longmont. We will take what we've collected on the second Monday each month.

A new project we are working on to help us get to know one-another called "My Story". We will feature them in the Vintage. This month you can learn a little more about John Olson. We would love each person to write their story; we have an outline, or we're happy to meet and get the information in-person.

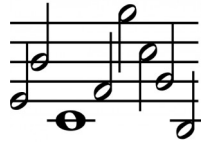
Submitted by Deb G.

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



Music Ministry

The choir comprises 8-10 dedicated members who gather weekly from 9:15 to 10:00 AM, unless otherwise notified. Under the guidance of Worship Director Jack Harless and Church Pianist Stella Pradeau, the choir aims to create a joyful sound and deliver uplifting performances that enhance the worship experience for the congregation.



This is a low-commitment choir that welcomes individuals of all musical skill levels, whether you're a seasoned vocalist or just starting out. From September to May, we introduce a new piece of repertoire approximately every two weeks. During the Christmas, Easter, and Good Friday seasons, we perform multiple pieces to elevate our worship services and create a more immersive experience for the congregation.

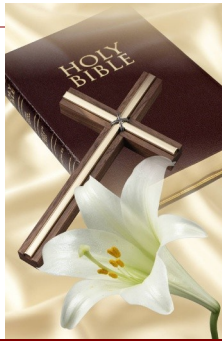
We understand that attendance may vary, however consistent participation makes for a more cohesive performance. Members will experience the personal and communal benefits of their commitment. If you anticipate missing a rehearsal or performance, please notify the director at least one week in advance to allow for any necessary adjustments.

In addition to the weekly choir rehearsals, we hold handbell choir rehearsals 2-3 times a year after regular choir sessions in preparation for special musical services. This group is always open to new participants. The handbell choir brings another layer of beauty to our worship and allows for more ways to contribute musically.

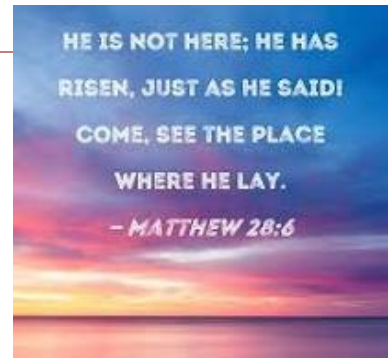
We also contract local musicians and CU Boulder students for 3-4 performances each year, utilizing our music budget to enrich our services. This collaboration fosters strong connections within the community and enhances our outreach efforts, bringing fresh perspectives to our worship experience.

Looking ahead, Jack is especially committed to recognizing and honoring Indigenous Peoples' rights to this land. As a descendant of the Stockbridge Munsee Mohican Tribe, Jack feels deeply connected to this work. He plans to explore Indigenous music as part of our worship services, ensuring that these pieces are chosen with cultural sensitivity and respect. This addition to our repertoire will enhance our understanding and appreciation of Indigenous heritage, and Jack is excited to begin this journey with the congregation. Stay tuned for updates as we work to incorporate this meaningful music into our services. Jack





He has Risen



JOHN OLSON "My Story"

I was born in Chicago on July 16, 1949 as the first child of Shirley and John Olson Sr. We lived in "The Village of Homewood" a place that was perfect for young families. It was the "Baby Boom" era which produced one sister, four brothers and many playmates in the neighborhood.

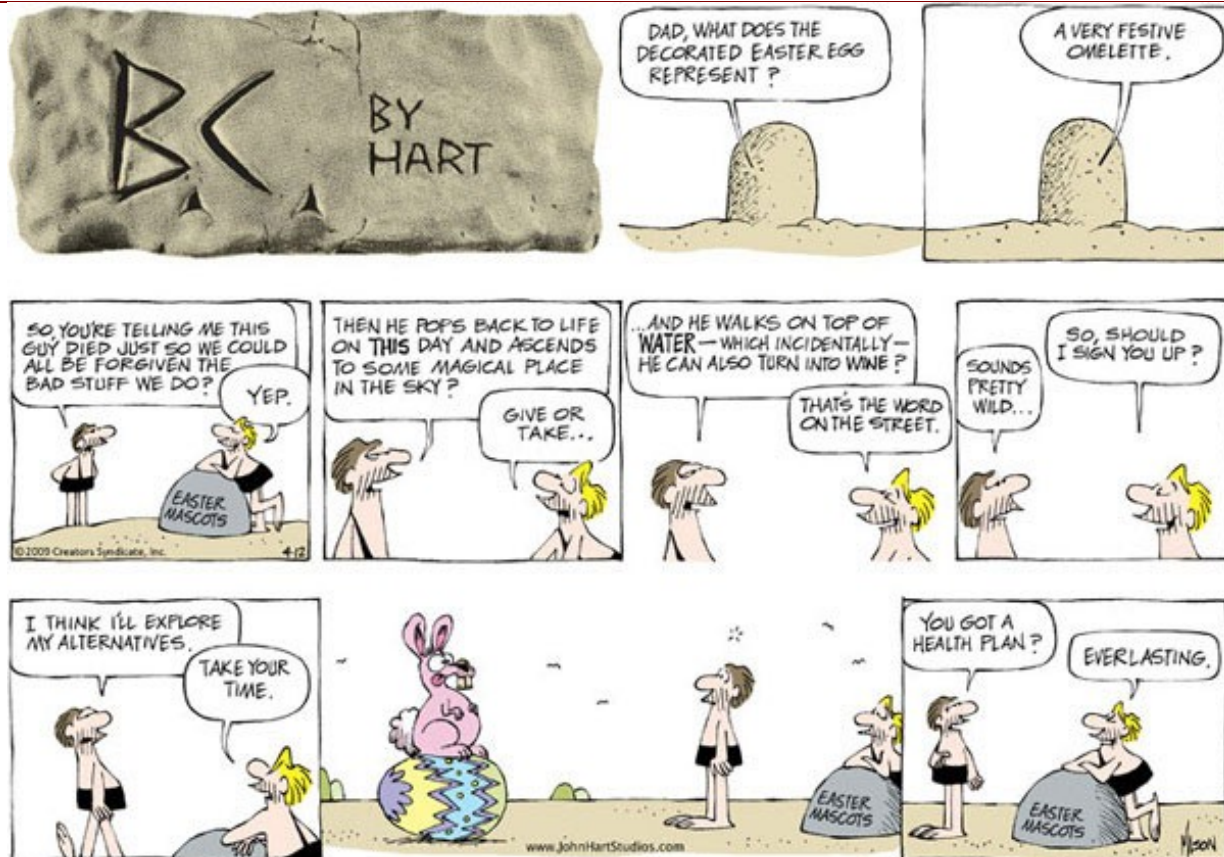


Christian education was important to my parents with attendance at Sunday School, Summer Camps, High School and College.

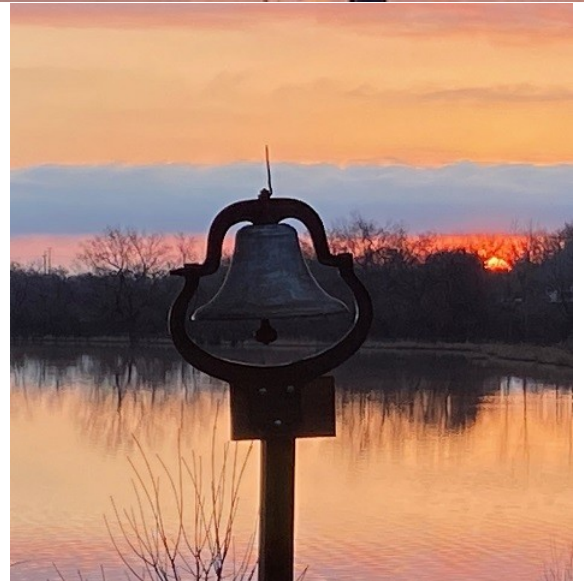
After spending two years in the Navy, I worked for an insurance company with the goal of having my own insurance agency. I stayed connected with the insurance industry for almost 50 years and developed a passion for community service. I was always active with something including Jaycees, Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, Insurance Groups and several churches.

In retirement, I continue to like volunteer work, car trips, hiking exercising and meeting friends for coffee and good conversation.

I am very fortunate to know the good people at Valmont and serve as a Deacon.



**Easter Sunrise
service is at 6 am
on April 20 along
with our 10:30
service**



You Know You Are Older When ...

I used to be able to do cartwheels. Now I tip over putting on my underwear.

I really don't mind getting old, but my body is having a major fit.

I told my wife I wanted to be cremated. She made me an appointment for Tuesday.

The world's best antidepressant has 4 legs, a wagging tail, and comes with unconditional love.

I've reached the age where my train of thought often leaves the station without me.

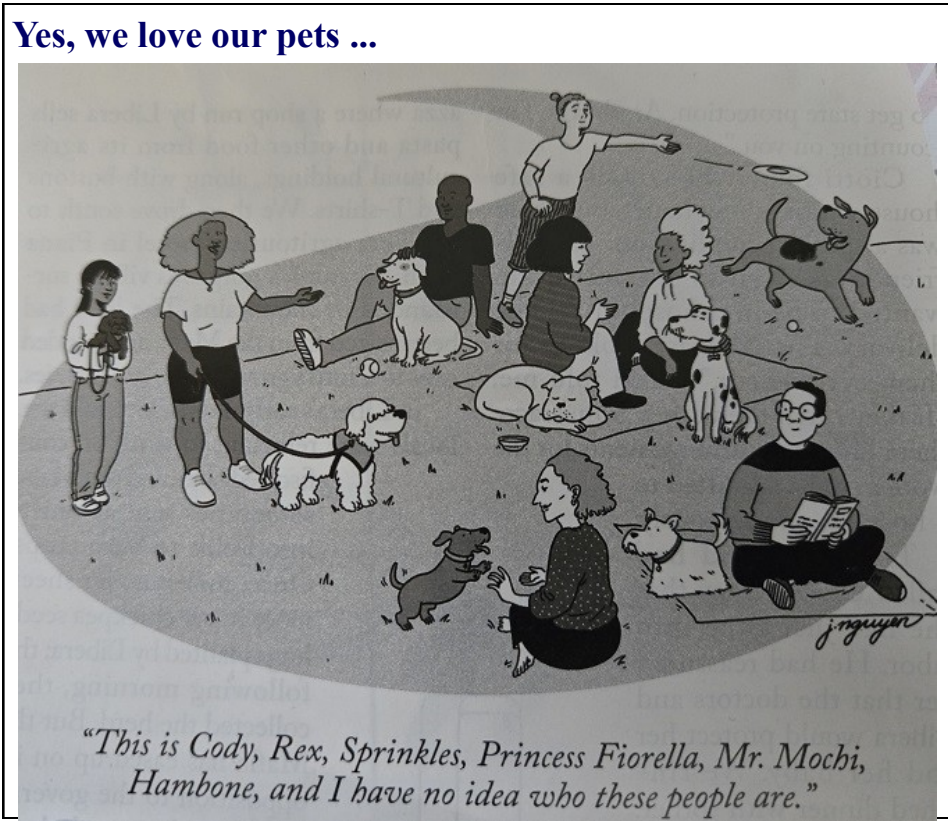
If you're happy and you know it, it's your meds.

If you see me talking to myself, just move along. I'm self-employed and we're having a staff meeting.





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