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CELEBRATING 150 years OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS!

Valmont Community Presbyterian Church Fellowship



Pastor Eric

"Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. [...] The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." Genesis 2:8, 15

Because of the sort of people I've known in the church, I've come to believe that it's pretty difficult for retirement to really stick. If anything, retirement seems like a good excuse to do all of the work you've always wanted to do, but for free. This may at first seem like a raw deal, but that's only until we really stop to think about what our relationship with work is meant to be.

From the very first, we humans were made to work. In the beginning, God created a beautiful world; however, much of the beauty was in the creating of it — how creation would continue itself. God made humans to participate in that creative activity; to steward the good and beautiful world so that it would become all the more good and beautiful — fruitful and multiplying.

I think this ought to inform our understanding of work today (even in our fallen world). We are meant to work. This is particularly true when we are helping steward the world into its fullness of goodness and beauty. This can be done through helping bring order to where there once was chaos; making beautiful what once was broken; making fruitful what once was barren. This can take innumerable forms.

However, work and toil are two different things. So often we engage in toilsome work that breaks us and mars that which is good and beautiful. Part of the hope of the book of Exodus is that the Israelites will be taken out of their toilsome slavery in Egypt and be given a promised land where they will practice the forgiveness of debts and freeing of slaves (even if that didn't always happen). We too must work to free people from their toilsome work, whether that be self-imposed or matter of injustice.

This takes me back to the joy of an active "retirement." For so many, careers are a matter of toil — a sacrifice of the self for the sake of making a living. Retirement, on the other hand, can be work that makes a life worth living; a choice to invest in God's good and beautiful world. Even though the working world asks so many to pour themselves to make a profit, retirement can be a way of being filled up once more in meaningful work.

So, whether you are retired or still in the midst of your career, I pray that you find ways this summer to invest in God's good and beautiful world. Steward it and others so that they might do the life-giving work that God so desires them to be involved in. After all, we have been made to work, so let's work for what truly matters.

In Christ, Eric

> Ask a friend to join you. You Have A Friend At Valmont! Sunday School 9:00 Worship Service: 10:30 Starting in June No Sunday School Worship Service: 9:30

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	Worship at 10:30am, Education Hour at 9:00am
	Deacons at 10:00am, Round Pantry at 2:00pm
5/13 -	Worship at 10:30am, Education Hour at 9:00am, Eric's Israel Report at 11:45am, Mother's Day
5/15 -	Session at 5:45pm
5/20 -	Worship at 10:30am, Communion Sunday Education Hour at 9:00am
5/22 -	Round Pantry at 2:00pm
5/27 -	Worship at 10:30am, Education Hour at 9:00am, Mac's Presentation at 11:45pm
5/3 -	Worship at 9:30am
5/5 -	Worship Team at 10:00am
5/10 -	Worship at 9:30am
5/12 -	Deacons at 10:00am, Round Pantry at 2:00pm
5/17 -	Worship at 9:30am, Communion Sunday
5/19 -	Session at 5:45pm
5/24 -	Worship at 9:30am, Outdoor Service
5/26 -	Round Pantry at 2:00pm



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Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Mission Project -- April 22-28, 2018



Our mission was in Okmulgee OK where we worked on Jackie Wilson's house. The group from our church consisted of Gary Turner, Stephen Bird, Cheryl Craig, Mike Greever and Don Lewis. Also the "outlaws" Allen & DiAnne Hughes and their grandson Jacob Brewer from Nebraska.

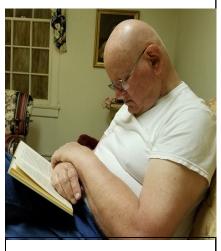


The First Methodist Church of Okmulgee is our home center

A new vent over the stove. This is one of the items we purchased with the donations we brought from Valmont church. This was the biggest problem with Jackie house. A broken soffit and leaking roof.



A group shot on Friday with Jackie and her granddaughter in the front right. Kevin, in the pro shirt, was our site manager from PDA.



Don succumb to the exhaustion at the end of the day.



Part of the team worked at dry-walling the ceilings in most of the rooms.



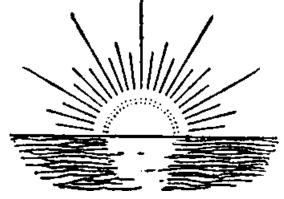
This is Jackie's house with the new roof

Easter Sunrise and Breakfast





Prepared for an outside service, however since it was snowing at sunrise, service was held indoors.





Eric's birthday lunch Happy Birthday Eric

Pig Roasts and Potlucks

Quinoa Breakfast Casserole – Gluten Free From Marilyn Howard's kitchen

Directions:

• 1 cup flour

* 1/4 cup sugar

* 1 stick butter

1C uncooked red quinoa. Boil in 3C water, then simmer until water is absorbed. 1 small onion chopped

1 Cup uncooked spicy sausage Sauté. (I used a lb.of spicy)

2 or 3 beaten eggs (I used 3 eggs.)

About 1 T. garlic powder and 1 T. oregano.

2-3 C. grated cheese. (I used some cheddar and some "Italian style"). Mix and bake uncovered at 400 degrees, 25 minutes. Optional cheese on top.



Deacon basket for 2018

AprilCYAK gift cardsJuneReverence MovementAugustBags of GraceOctoberOperation Christmas ChildDecemberAttention Homes "giving tree"

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May July September November

Round Pantry Family Learning Center school supplies nber Round Pantry nber Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Common Phrases from the Bible

- "Out of the month of babes." Psalms 8:2
- "There is no new thing under the sun." Ecclesiastes 1:9
- "And they shall beat their swords into plowshares." Isaiah 2:4
- "Seek, and you shall find." Matthew 7:7
- "The sign of the times." Matthew 16:3
- "Many be called, but few chosen." Matthew 20:16



All-Church Retreat

Members of Valmont gathered with one another in Frederick for a day of fellowship, spiritual rest, and considering the lives of our spiritual parents. We engaged in prayer, studied scripture, and shared in discussion, resulting in a rich time with one another. We also found ourselves entangled in a web of gratitude, faith, and love, which can be seen in these photos.









Our New Kitchen ... April 15th 2018 -

dedication, communion and fellowship.



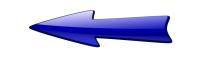
RENOVATION ACTION COMMITTEE !

Projects that still need to be finished is the backsplash for the kitchen, cabinet door and drawer handles, and the men's and women's bath flooring, paint for both stalls and walls, and changing out two commodes. As funds permit, RAC has also made recommendations to the session for seating repairs or updated seating, carpet and paint in the sanctuary. Also we would like to see another window in the fellowship room and improved ceiling tiles - funds permitting. Thank you everyone for your input, help where needed, prayers and financial contributions! If you have questions, please contact Ruth Tisdale. Thank you the RAC Committee - Marlene Brining, Debbie Greever, Cindy Sexton and Ruth Tisdale (Chairperson)



Support the Round Pantry

This Free Car Show at the Fairgrounds in May, will be collecting items for the Round Pantry.



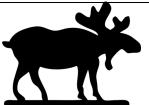


IDENTITY THEFT

Peggy Pingle from the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, identity fraud division will give a presentation on June 15th at 6:30 at Valmont. She will lead a discussion concerning identity theft and prevention. This is open to everyone and there is no charge.

Please let Ruth Lewis know if you plan to attend or with any questions. Her phone number is 303-775-1255.





HIGHLANDS HIGHLIGTS

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

Great news!! Marieke Culby has been hired by Highlands to fill the position of Director of Operations. She and her family have moved to Colorado from Minnesota where she had experience working as a director of camps as well as a director of operations for a camp. She has a love for camp ministry.

New carpet has been installed in the lobby, offices and conference room of the retreat center as well as in the chapel. A group of volunteers have been working on repairing the chairs in the dining room. Soon the exterior of the retreat center will sport a new coat of stain and the decks will be refurbished. Many cleaning projects have been completed when there are few guests at the camp. Soon the camp will be bustling with quilters, retreat groups and campers. 2018 looks like it is going to be a great year for Highlands.

Please keep the ministry of Highlands in your prayers along with the donors, the staff, the volunteers and the Highlands Camp Committee!! They do an amazing job to keep Highlands running!!

Blessings!! Ruth Lewis Highlands Camp Committee



Eric's Preaching Schedule					
Date	Primary & 2nd Text	Title	Series	Church Calendar	
May 6	1 Thessalonians 1:1-2:16	Mutual; Respect	Thessalonians		
May 13	1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13	Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder	Thessalonians		
May 20	1 Thessalonians 4:1-18	Wake-Up Call	Thessalonians	Communion	
May 27	1 Thessalonians 5:1-28	The Day of the Lord	Thessalonians		
June 3	2 Thessalonians 1:1-2:12	Thank You Notes	Thessalonians		
June 10	2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:17	God Complexes	Thessalonians		
June 17		Guest Preacher,		Communion	
June 24		Guest Preacher,			



Adult Sunday School

Join us at 9:00am for an exciting look into the early life of the Church as we study the book of Acts. As always, Don will provide muffins.

5/6 - Acts 19-21 5/13 - Acts 22-24 5/20 - Acts 25-28 5/27 - Acts Review

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Summer Recess June-August

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 Publication Months: Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov.