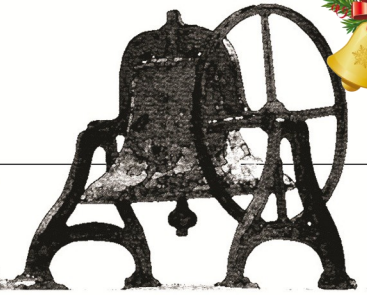


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Valmont

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CELEBRATING *150 years* OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS!



Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



Pastor Eric

As I write this article I am, admittedly, feeling a tad melancholy.

For the past few days I've been involved with the complicated logistics of relocating our pews to new homes. I am excited to see them head up to Highlands Camp and off to people who are eager to have them in their homes. These transitions are joyous; however, I'm also feeling the bittersweet pang of change. I have loved the way our sanctuary space has been set up, and it's been difficult to imagine a beautiful new carpet and chairs as I've sweated through this in-between process.

Many of us aren't especially fond of change. There is an inherent risk to it, where we can't be certain whether or not

we'll like what we get on the other side. We sometimes become so entrenched with how things are that we even idolize our bad situations. "If only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death" (Exodus 16:3). We run the risk of holding onto the familiar rather than allow for something better to come along.

Yet for all of the anxiety we feel over change, it is not only an inevitability, but also a chance for new life. The Lord insists on working something new — changing us and our world — so that we might live. Consider the words of Isaiah 43:19: "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." Or perhaps those of Revelation 21:5: "And he who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.'"

I cannot say what new things God will work in the life of Valmont as we experience the bittersweet in our letting go of one good thing for something new. We may indeed

mourn over these changes, but we can't get stuck there. "Weeping may stay for the night but rejoicing comes in the morning" (Psalm 30:5).

So, as we move into the Advent season, I pray that we consider the ways that Lord is changing the world for the coming King. What has been may very well have been good, and we might miss its passing; however, we must rest in the promise that the Lord will, indeed, make all things new — that our God is doing a new thing. Whether that's renovating a sanctuary, refurbishing our hearts, or restoring the world, our God is on the move.

Let us partner with the Lord to see what new wonders we might work together. 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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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—7:15

Every Thursday: Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

Parkinson's yoga group 11:30-2:pm

Every Friday – Valmont Victors 8-10 pm



Calendar

11/3 - Church Work Day, Presbytery at Highlands Camp

11/4 - Education Hour at 9:00am,
Worship at 10:30am

11/6 - Worship Team at 10:00am

11/11 - Education Hour at 9:00am,
Worship at 10:30am,

Thoughtful Endings Seminar at 1:00pm

11/13 - Deacons at 10:30am,
Round Pantry at 2:00pm

11/18 - Education Hour at 9:00am,
Worship at 10:30am,

Communion Sunday, Eric out of town

11/20 - Session at 5:30pm

11/21 - **Community Thanksgiving Service at 7:00pm**

11/22 - Thanksgiving Day

11/25 - Education Hour at 9:00am,
Worship at 10:30am, Christ the King Sunday

Hanging of the Greens

11/27 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm

12/2 - Education Hour at 9:00am,
Worship at 10:30am, **First Sunday of Advent**

12/4 - Worship Team at 10:00am

12/8 - **Caroling for Assisted Living at 4:00pm**

12/9 - Education Hour at 9:00am,
Worship at 10:30am

12/11 - Deacons at 10:30am,
Round Pantry at 2:00pm

12/16 - Education Hour at 9:00am,

Worship at 10:30am, Communion Sunday

12/18 - Session at 5:30pm

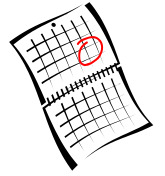
12/23 - Education Hour at 9:00am,
Worship at 10:30am

12/24 - **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:00pm**

12/25 - Christmas Day



12/30 - **Fifth Sunday of Service for Attention Homes**





Gift Card Ministry



Did you know that gift cards are an important part of the ministry here at Valmont. The proceeds from the gift card sales for King Soopers and Safeway / Albertsons are used to augment the finances used by the deacons and some other projects. Even if you do not shop at Safeway, all of the gift cards available at the Safeway "Gift Card Mall" are available to you to purchase with the gift cards you purchase at Valmont. King Soopers does not offer this at this time.



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Deacon basket for 2018

November	Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
December	Attention Homes "Giving Tree"



In What Year was Jesus Born?

In the fifth century A.D., Dionysius Exiguus devised the designation Anno Domini to describe the years after the birth of Jesus.

However, modern scholars believe that Dionysius's calculations may have been off. Based on references to contemporary events in the Bible—such as the death of Herod the Great (Matthew 2:19 in 4 B.C., and the great taxation levied by Cyrenius (Luke 2:1-2—many researchers think that Jesus was actually born between 7 and 4 B.C.

Pig Roasts and Potlucks



SAUSAGE BRUNCH CASSEROLE - from Ruth Lewis' kitchen

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| ♦ 6 slices of bread, buttered and cubed | * 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese |
| ♦ 1 lb. bulk sausage, cooked and drained | * ½ medium sweet red pepper cut in strips |
| ♦ ¼ C. sliced green onion tops | * 3 eggs |
| ♦ 1 can condensed cream broccoli soup | * ¼ t pepper |
| ♦ ¼ C chicken broth | * 2 C. milk |
| | * ½ t Dijon mustard |



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Directions:

Placed cubed bread in 13 X 9 baking dish. Sprinkle with cheese, sausage, red pepper and onions.

Beat eggs, add soup, milk, chicken broth, mustard and pepper. Pour over bread mixture. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

Remove from refrigeration and let stand for 30 minutes. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 45-55 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes before standing.



Fifth Sunday with Temple Grandin School

On September 30th a hearty group of Valmonteers strode down Indian Road to help our new neighbors at the Temple Grandin School (TGS). As they move into their new space, from which they hope to educate Asperger students for years to come, they needed to tear out their old carpeting. What we accomplished along with several families and staff members from the school that morning was simply astounding — far exceeding what TGS hoped could be done. With sore backs and happy hearts we parted ways for the day, with great hopes for what future partnership together might mean. Submitted by Eric



A Day at Temple Grandin

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

Valmont Church is going to be the Boulder area drop-off location for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes this year. The National Collection Week is November 12-19. In 2017 there were over 500 shoeboxes collected in the Boulder area. Thanks to all of you who have already signed up to help by being at Valmont during collection week to receive the shoeboxes, and also those who have agreed to transport the cartons of shoeboxes to Immaculate Conception Church in Lafayette. There are still spaces available if you would like to help out. Please let Cindy or Ruth T. know if you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions.





Caroling on 12/8 at 4:00pm

Join us for an afternoon and evening of caroling at several assisted living facilities in the area. Regardless of whether you sing with the choir or simply enjoy bringing people the light of Christ in the form of some Christmas cheer, you are welcome to join in! More details will come, but mark your calendars now.



Removal of the Pews



Library

Are you looking for a good read? If so, before going to bookstore or looking online, check the church library where there are lots of good books in several different genres.

Blessings, Cindy



WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION—submitted by Cindy

All women of VCPC are encouraged to attend Women's Association on the 3rd Tuesday of each month September-May. We have a short business meeting, Bible study, fellowship and the all-important potluck lunch. Currently we are enjoying the study of Max Lucado's book *"Before Amen"*.

At our September meeting we decided to donate \$100. each to Attention Homes, SafeHome, and Mother House. It was also decided that we would purchase some items, such as dish towels and aprons for the kitchen. Please help decide which mission projects we wish to be involved with in the future. We do still provide home-baked cookies to Attention Homes once a month.

Because many foster kids transport their belongings, from one foster home to another, in garbage bags, we are collecting new or gently used duffel bags to donate for foster kids in Boulder. Please feel free to donate one or more by Sunday December 2 and we will see they get to the proper agency.

At our November meeting we will be packaging flour & sugar for Round Pantry. All ladies who are able are encouraged to come and join in the "powdering of the Fellowship Hall carpet."

In December we will be filling tins with cookies (or other goodies for diabetics) to be delivered to those who can no longer make it to worship and/or for whom baking has become too difficult. If you have any NEW-LOOKING Christmas tins you no longer need and/or if you are looking for ways to share your own home-baked goodies, please feel free to donate them. The tins will be filled Sunday December 9. Please let Pearlina or me (Cindy) if you plan to donate tins and/or cookies.

Family & friends helping me, Cindy, celebrate becoming an octogenarian. ;



The VCPC prayer chain has not been updated in quite a while; if you would like to be a part of it, please contact Stella May or Cindy.



Anagram: Presbyterian => Best in Prayer

Thank You from PEO

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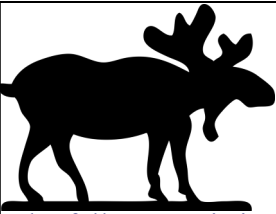
On Oct 20, PEO, a philanthropic educational organization for women used our fellowship hall once again for a tea fundraiser. Thanks you for the use of your facilities.

PEO Chapter ID



HIGHLANDS HIGHLIGHTS

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



The fall season is in full swing at Highlands. Quilting retreats, church retreat and family reunions are keeping the staff busy. Staff are booking groups for 2019 and dates are filling up.

The annual Christmas party is scheduled for **December 1st** at Highlands from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Many wonderful items have been donated for the silent auction. If you have craft or art items you would like to donate, please call and we will make arrangements to pick them up. This is a major fundraiser for the camp. There is always a lot of tasty treats to enjoy.

Ryan Culby has been hired as Director of Summer Camps. He comes with a long history and expertise of camps. He has also volunteered a great deal of time to update the Highlands website. We are happy to welcome him to the staff.

Staff has been working on the expenses for each department and trying to keep current costs at 85% of the current budget. The staff has also been working on the proposed budget for 2019. Members of the Camp Committee will meet with staff on November 6th to work out details and fine tune the numbers.

Deck repairs are continuing. The decks are open and functional. Work still needs to be completed on some of the smaller decks. The roof on the Chapel has been repaired. Continuing maintenance is a major expense for the camp.

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	Scripture	Sermon	Series
November 4	Matthew 5:43-48;	Why Preach On... Loving and Liking?	Why Preach On That?
November 11	Mark 3:20-35	Why Preach On... Being Unforgivable?	Why Preach On That?
November 18		[Guest Preacher, Rev. Step]	Why Preach On That?
November 25	Romans 5:12-21;	Son of Adam, Son of God	Christ the King Sunday
December 2	Luke 1:5-25	Hope (Zechariah)	Practicing Advent
December 9	Matthew 1:18-25	Peace (Joseph)	Practicing Advent
December 16	Luke 1:39-45, 57-66	Joy (Elizabeth)	Practicing Advent
December 23	Luke 1:26-38	Love (Mary)	Practicing Advent
December 30		[Fifth Sunday]	



Trash – What is trash?

It is hard to know anymore. We have three bins dedicated to Valmont trash.

Recycle: Most of you recognize that we can recycle some items like soda cans, food tins, aluminum foil and plastic that has that triangle with a number. Those of course go in our Recycle bin. Here is an if to consider: if food is caked on recycle items it is trash. Or wash it of (90% or better) of cans because they will be melted down. Plastic though should not have any food.

Compost: Here is a new system we have not had before. Compost includes most carbon based material, here is a partial list. All food, branches and leaves, napkins, paper towels, paper plates that do not have plastic (purchase only paper products that are compostable), compostable plastic bags and plastic ware (made out of corn oil!) but no other plastics are compost. Here is an if to consider: Clorox types of wipes are not paper and are trash.

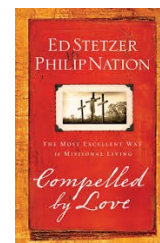
Trash: This is simple, if it isn't in those two lists it is trash.

If you have questions about this, ask Don Lewis



Adult Education

I would like to invite you to join the adult education class on Sunday mornings at 9:00am and goes through the rest of the year. We are be examining something called “missional theology.” Specifically, we will consider how we can faithfully carry out Jesus’ mission into the world.



It's your Vintage

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