

Sept/Oct 2019

# Valmont VINTAGE

CELEBRATING *150 years* OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS!



Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



## Pastor Eric

As most of you know, I am in a season of expectation. Before the next issue of the Vintage is published, Anneva and I will be married.

All of the excitement, planning, uncertainty, and joy of this season has got me thinking about the work of the Spirit in carrying on the ministry of Jesus through us. The church is to be a people who are excited by what the Spirit is doing; we diligently work to accomplish Christ's plans for the world; we are uncertain about all that will be required of us as we remain faithful to our Baptism; we are filled with joy because of finding new life in our God. All of these are expressions of our expectation surrounding all that Jesus can and will accomplish.

In Revelation 19:7, the transformative work of Christ, for which we hope and labor, is celebrated thus: "Let us rejoice and be glad and give [Christ] glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready." The ultimate goal of what Jesus is accomplishing is envisioned as a wedding, which not only celebrates everything that has taken place up to the point of the marriage, but also looks forward to everything that this union might accomplish as well. While the verse decidedly focuses on Christ and the great joy that he brings, we would be remiss to ignore what is said of his bride: *she has made herself ready*.

How do we, the church as the bride of Christ, make ourselves ready for that long-awaited moment when we will be forever joined with our Lord? How do we live out the expectation of this time between our engagement and our eventual wedding? Perhaps exactly what we celebrate during the long march from Pentecost to Advent. During this long season of the church's calendar between the high seasons of Easter and Advent, we recognize that Christ's Spirit is with us, transforming us into an excited, effective, flexible, and joyful people. We are doing the preparatory work now for wedded life with our Lord – we are being converted from our old ways of singularly perusing our own benefit, and instead we now turn

to do the work of being united with our Savior.

It is not wrong to be eager, in the present, to be wedded forever with Christ; however, there is something beautiful and rewarding in this time of anticipation. We cannot say for certain exactly what life will be like when we're united with the Lord; however, we can know in the present what it is like to draw close to Jesus and to do the joint-work of becoming partners in his work for the rescue and restoration of the world. It is my prayer for you – in this season of the calendar and this time in your life – that you would know the joy and uncertainty of expectantly waiting to see what new wonders our Lord will work next.

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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Boulder

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# Bulletin Board

## Calendar

### Elders:

*Ruth Lewis*  
*Cheryl Craig*

*Doug Myers*  
*Scott Starin*

### Clerk of Session:

*Joyce Glazer*

### Deacons:

*Don Lewis*  
*Pearline Toney*

*Ruth Tisdale*

### Treasurer:

*Ruth Lewis*

### Church Administrator:

*Ella Travis*

### Choir/Worship Director:

*Dr. Andrew Brown*

### Accompanist:

*Stella Pradeau*

9/1 - Worship at 9:30am

9/3 - Worship Team at 10:00am

9/4 - Deacons at 4:30pm

9/8 - Worship at 10:30am, Education Hour at 9:00am

9/10 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm

9/12 - Session at 5:45pm

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

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

9/24 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm

9/29 - Fifth Sunday of Service with Temple Grandin  
School at 10:30am,  
New Members Class at 1:00pm

10/1 - Worship Team at 10:00am

10/2 - Deacons at 4:30pm

10/6 - Worship at 10:30am,  
Education Hour at 9:00am,  
World Communion Sunday

10/8 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm

10-12—**Fall Fest** - see Scott

10/13 - Worship at 10:30am,  
Education Hour at 9:00am

10/15 - Session at 5:45pm

10/20 - Worship at 10:30am,  
Education Hour at 9:00am, Communion Sunday

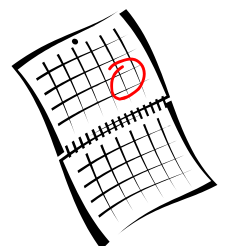
10/22 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm

10/26 - Anneva and Eric's Wedding Day

10/27 - Worship at 10:30am,  
Education Hour at 9:00am, Reformation Sunday

11/2 - Presbytery at Valmont

11/3 - Worship at 10:30am,  
Education Hour at 9:00am,  
End of Daylight Saving Time



## 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 starts in Sept 5:45—7:15

Every Thursday: Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

Every Friday – Valmont Victors 8-10 pm

## Deacon basket for 2019—Check with Don, Ruth T. or Pearline

A note from the deacons...

It may still feel like summer but it's time to start thinking about Operation Christmas Child. Last year Valmonters filled 43 shoeboxes, that's 43 children around the world who may have heard the good news of Jesus Christ for the first time. More information and supplies to help you pack a shoebox will become available in the weeks to come, and please feel free to pack more than one.



Valmont will once again serve as the "drop-off" location for the Boulder area during National Collection Week which is November 18-25. A schedule and sign-up sheet will be posted in fellowship hall

if you would like to help by receiving the shoeboxes and packing them into cartons. The central drop-off location where the cartons are delivered to has changed this year and is a little further from Valmont (it's at Calvary Church in Broomfield at 127<sup>th</sup> and Sheridan), but we hope that this will not be a problem. Thanks very much to those who helped last year and please ask one of the deacons if you have questions about signing up to make 2019 a great success! Ruth T.



## Pig Roasts and Potlucks



### Cheerios Cookies - from Peggy's kitchen

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|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| ♦ 1 1/2 c sugar    | * 1/4 c butter or margarine | * 2 eggs        |
| ♦ 1/3 c canola oil | * 1 tsp vanilla             | * 1 1/2 c flour |
| ♦ 1 c quick oats   | * 1 tsp baking soda         | * 1/2 tsp salt  |
| ♦ 3 c of cheerios  | * 1 c of raisins            |                 |
| ♦                  |                             |                 |

#### Directions:

Beat sugar, butter or margarine on medium speed. Beat in 2 eggs, oil, & vanilla. Stir in flour, oats, baking soda, & salt. Stir in Cheerios & raisin.

Drop dough by slightly rounded tablespoons, 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheet. Bake 9 to 11 min.  
Bake at 375F oven      Makes: 2 dozen





## Birdbrains to March in Walk to End Alzheimer's.

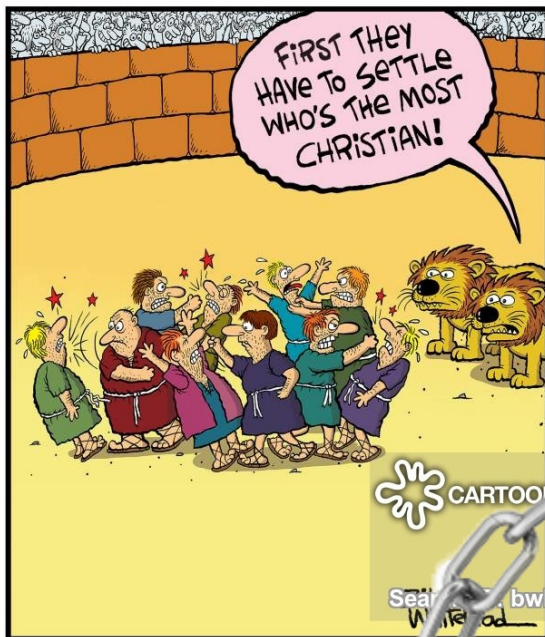


Meet Team Birdbrains. Now, I know, that's not usually a name you call someone to express love and affection, but it seems appropriate for this particular situation.

Just under two years ago, DottyAnne Bird, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. Not surprisingly, this news was upsetting and changed the Birds lives forever. As she does most things, DottyAnne met this change the same way she has lived her whole life: with grace, resiliency, and humor.

As you may expect with a team name like Birdbrains, we are not neurologists. We are just an ordinary family living with the reality of a disease with no cure. The moment she heard about it, DottyAnne decided she wanted to participate in the Walk to End Alzheimer's and we will be right there with her on September 14. Please consider supporting us as we aim for our goal of \$2,000 and join with thousands of other families across the country to find a cure for Alzheimer's.

Check out this link: [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org), then search for team Birdbrains. ([https://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=9494&pg=pfind](https://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr_id=9494&pg=pfind))



**Be part of the VCPC  
prayer chain! Contact  
Stella May or Cindy.**

# “Check Your Heart”

submitted by Debbie Starin

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Daily Bible reading: 2 Chronicles 29-30 and Acts 15.

(Proverbs 4:23 MKJV) “Keep your heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.”

In our daily lives, we put a lot of emphasis on doing right, but what about “being” right in our hearts? Throughout Scripture, we are commanded to examine ourselves and guard our hearts from any evil. We might be doing all the right things, going to all the right places, and saying all of the right words, but if we allow bad attitudes, pride, corruption, rebellion, or bitterness in our hearts, eventually, our actions will reflect what is in our hearts.

(James 3:13-17) “Who is wise and knowing among you? Let him show his works by his good conduct with meekness of wisdom. (14) But if you have bitter jealousy and strife in your hearts, do not glory and lie against the truth. (15) This is not the wisdom coming down from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. (16) For where envying and strife are, there is confusion and every foul deed. (17) But the wisdom that is from above is first truly pure, then peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.”



In 2 Chronicles 25, King Amaziah did what was right in the eyes of God but did not act with a loyal heart – even though he had been prophesied to that God would multiply his possessions and keep him. One day, King Amaziah was committed to following the Word of God, but then later, he was rebelling against God and worshipping idols. He even had caused division among the people of God. He was later captured and killed by his enemies. Later, in 2 Chronicles 26, King Uzziah is shown following God but eventually allows pride to take over. He like his father rebels against the Word of God and all of his spiritual leaders warning him of the consequences of doing so. He ended up a leper for the rest of his days and cut off from the house of God. He may have not been worshipping idols like Amaziah did, but with the ungodly heart, he fell to sin. What we allow into our hearts matters just as much as what we do. Just like these men, if we do not keep our hearts with diligence, we will be easily led astray. In 2 Chronicles 27, King Jotham “prepared his ways before the Lord” and was blessed. This means that he not only did the right thing but sought after God’s ways and communed with Him. He allowed God to influence his actions and character. We see that his actions repaired and strengthened the people of God. In 2 Chronicles 29, King Hezekiah, like King Jotham, strove to repair, restore, unify, and redirect the people of God to proper worship. In repairing, restoring, reconciling, and redirecting, these kings were taking after the nature of Jesus. These are reflective of a heart that is loyal to God, and with a heart that is loyal to God, we can truly live for His glory and prosper.

By Lauren Smith



# POWER of PRAYER

## “Rescue the Weak and Needy”

Daily Bible reading: Psalms 82-85

(Psalm 82:1-8, ESV) “God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment: (2) How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? *Selah* (3) Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. (4) Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked. (5) They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. (6) I said, You are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you; (7) nevertheless, like men you shall die, and fall like any prince. (8) Arise, O God, judge the earth; for you shall inherit all the nations!”

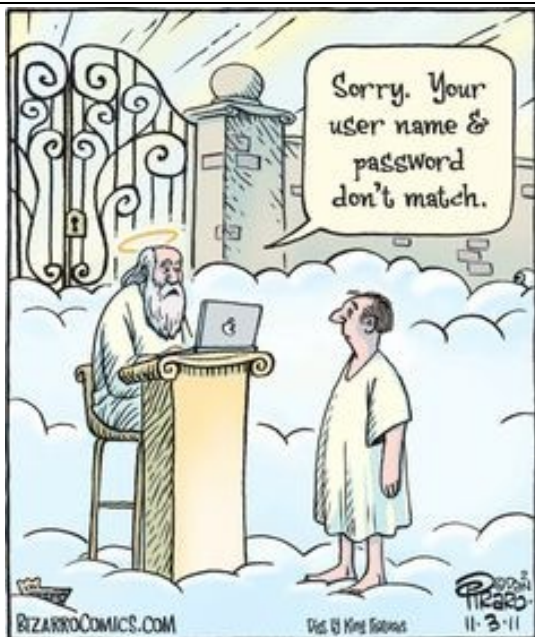
This psalm was penned by Asaph. The Almighty God is speaking to Asaph and giving instructions for the judges and courts. God is just in all of His ways and in all of His judgments. It is the will of God for judges and courts to judge with righteousness. God will judge the rulers and judges of this world. We also need to understand that we too will be judged how we treat people. How do we act towards the widows and orphans? How do we act towards the needy?

It is also the will of God for the church to pray for the rulers of this world: (1 Timothy 2:1-3, GW) “First of all, I encourage you to make petitions, prayers, intercessions, and prayers of thanks for all people, (2) for rulers, and for everyone who has authority over us. Pray for these people so that we can have a quiet and peaceful life always lived in a godly and reverent way. (3) This is good and pleases God our Savior.” We pray that the rulers of this world would judge according to righteousness. As they do this than all shall live a quiet and peaceful life. All we live in godly justice.

Let us pray – Dear Lord Jesus Christ. Let your will be done in our lives. Let your judgments and justice be a part of our lives. We pray for the rulers of our country. We pray that they will have an open heart towards you. That they will allow you to guide their judgments. You are just in all of your ways. As we and others allow you to guide us, then we shall all live a quiet and peaceable life. Amen.



Pentecostalsoflebanon.com Submitted by Debbie S.



## Sunday School

Sunday School resumes Sunday, September 8th at 9:00 a.m. We will be continuing our Presbyterian Confirmation Study of the New Testament by Colaborate for ages 11 and older.



We also have Children's Church material for any younger children who join us.

Also a reminder - there is a nursery available during the worship service whenever needed, and if you know of guests coming we'd love to know in advance. Talk to Cheryl or Deb G.



*Nelson News, August, 2019....*

*Dear Faithful Readers and Partners,*

Feels unbelievable! But it is now 51 years (July 1968) since we arrived in Papua New Guinea (PNG) to support Bible translation in a challenging South Pacific setting. Would we do it again? *Yes!* In fact, we are currently helping others do just that (or fill related roles) in spite of the passage of time and the multiple variables involved. Interestingly, we've just recently sent a young pilot to PNG after 10+ years of encouragement and guidance, plus his own extensive preparation.

Our minds go back some years to a hilarious date with that young man and his sister. We didn't know much about them then, but they were quick to bridge the gap with their life stories, their aspirations, humor, and more. Under the Lord's good hand we became friends and were able to help them get to where the Lord was calling them with minimal complexity. We had no idea at the time that they would both be going to PNG, (such memory-laden territory for us!) she as a nurse, and he as a pilot.

Currently "under our care", there are about forty others we'd also love to see moving, in the Lord's good timing, beyond where they are now, to *His* placement for *His* God-given gifts and callings. Generally speaking, these people all need clarity, wisdom, faith, guidance, perseverance, and *encouragement* to take the next good step (A Tall Order!)—and it is our work as recruiters to provide or augment those basics as needed. But what a tragedy for any believer to live outside the steady blessing (guidance, care, energy, provision) of God's calling! Yet there are certainly many who, though believers, don't know God as their "Operational Guide" (and Protector) throughout life's mazes and mirages....

Some things that take young people in particular sideways from what could be eternally effective Kingdom service are: student or other debt, lack of parental or similar guidance, lack of church encouragement, trying to "keep my options open", inappropriate relationships, pornography, and other moral issues.... Any of these and more can be profound stumbling blocks to obediently following the Lord. But *He alone* knows the best way forward *and He alone can help us walk it*.... Please pray for the young people you know! And for us as we work to help those we know—regardless of age—move forward into God's incredible plans, tailored for each one.

Meanwhile, PNG alone has about 840 distinct known languages (!), and our colleagues are currently working in 150 of those (!!). Since our work began there in 1956, New Testaments have been produced in the mother tongues of 210 language groups (!!!), and New Testaments are expected in 10 more languages in this coming year!!!!). But there are *still* about 300 *more* languages in PNG needing Bible translation (!!!!!). And in addition to all of this, there is expanding work on Old Testament translation, with local pastors, churches, and other capable indigenous workers picking up some of the load.

To summarize, Wycliffe Global Alliance is *now* working in 2,100 languages worldwide, and there are approximately the same number still needing workers in translation, scripture use, literacy, sign language, etc. But it is happening, one language at a time! It's impossible to describe the actual enormity of these events, except to say that human history and eternity are being transformed for throngs of people by the challenging, faithful work of *all* those involved in Bible translation.

Thank you for listening and thank you for praying and giving. God is *most certainly* at work in His world through His children. We're grateful that you are among those, whatever your current roles!

**Stu & Edith Nelson**

*Faith*

## Eric's Preaching Schedule

Date	Scripture	Sermon Title	Sermon Series
September 1	Luke 11:1-13; Numbers 6:22-27	Should I Pray Ritually?	Prayer
September 8	Philippians 4:4-9; Matthew 12:33-37	Should I Pray Extemporaneously?	Prayer
September 15	1 Timothy 2:1-6; James 5:13-20	Should I Ask for Intercessory Prayer?	Prayer
September 22	Matthew 6:5-8; John 11:38-44	Should I Pray Publicly?	Prayer
September 29		[Fifth Sunday]	
October 6	Genesis 17:1-22; 1 Timothy 2:1-4, 8	What Role Does My Body Play In Prayer?	Prayer
October 13	1 Samuel 3:1-14; John 10:1-5	How Should I Listen In Prayer?	Prayer
October 20	Ephesians 3:7-21; John 3:30	Where Is Prayer Leading?	Prayer
October 27			[Out of Town]

### Adult Education

Beginning on 10/8 at 9:00 am, Adult Ed. will resume for the fall. Following our sermon series on prayer, we will meet as a group to discuss and practice a number of different prayer exercises based on the previous weeks' sermon. (For example, on 10/15 the sermon considers intercessory prayer, and then on 10/22 we will look at intercessory prayer during the education hour). All are welcome and no additional resources will be required for our time together.

As always, I look forward to restarting this Sunday morning time with you all.

Eric

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