

Sept/Oct 2022

# Valmont VINTAGE

CELEBRATING *150 years* OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS!



Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



## Pastor Eric

*"We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise." Mark 10:33-34*

It may feel difficult to imagine after all the time we've spent in Mark, but with the start of this fall we are entering into the final section of the Gospel. Throughout our study of the book thus far, I've attempted to keep us in the present, not rushing ahead to Jesus' Passion in Jerusalem; however, there is no holding back any longer. Not that

Mark has been particularly interested in moving slowly himself, as he's moved us along with a holy frenzy from one vignette to the next in his breakneck pace towards Jerusalem.

All of that is about to change.

While we've been whisked along through Jesus' ministry up to this point, we are about to come to a grinding halt. More than 1/3 of all of Mark takes place in the final week of Jesus' earthly life, as he demonstrates the nature of God's Kingdom in the heart of God's City; as he demonstrates God's power through his own passion.

For the rest of the Christian Year, we will journey with Jesus in his mission of making God known. We will see how Christ is King through the power of his passion for us.

In light of Jesus' work to define the terms *Messiah* and *Son of God* by way of his ministry, it will be no small challenge for us consider our discipleship in light of all we will see and hear Jesus do and say in this final section of Mark's Gospel. We will be forced to contend with just how literal of a

command it might be for us to pick up our crosses and follow him if we'd like to inherit life in the new age of God's Kingdom. Jesus is on the move, he will not be deterred from his mission, and we must respond now if we are to embrace his chosen path to being enthroned as King.

May the Spirit strengthen us in this task, so that we might be obedient to Jesus our Lord, and bring all glory and honor to the Father, both now and forever. Amen.

In Christ, Eric

**Ask a friend to join you.**

You Have A Friend At Valmont!

**Worship at 10:30**  
**Sunday School 9:30**

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# Bulletin Board

## Elders:

*Mike Lahey*  
*Adrian Shin*

*Ruth Tisdale*  
*Anne Harris-Cross*

## Clerk of Session:

*Joyce Glazer*

## Deacons:

*Cindy Sexton*  
*Claudette Walpole*

*Marilyn Howard*

## Treasurer:

*Ruth Lewis*

## Church Administrator:

*Ella Travis*

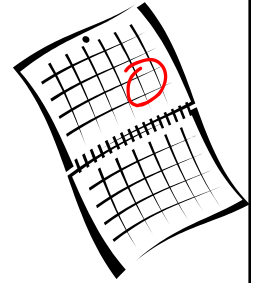
## Choir/Worship Director:

*Dr. Andrew Brown*

## Accompanist:

*Stella Pradeau*

## Calendar



9/4 - Worship at 9:30am

9/6 - Worship Team at 10:00am

9/11 - Worship at 10:30,  
Start of Fall Schedule, Guest Preacher

9/18 - Worship at 10:30am,  
Communion Sunday, Guest Preacher

9/21 - Women's Association at 10:00am

9/25 - Worship at 10:30am,  
Education Hour at 9:00am

10/2 - Worship at 10:30am, World Communion Sunday  
Education Hour at 9:00am,

10/4 - Worship Team at 10:00am

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

10/16 - Worship at 10:30am,  
Education Hour at 9:00am, Communion Sunday

10/18 - Session at 5:00pm

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

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

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

## Pastor's Schedule:

Sunday: Worship

Monday - Thursday: In the office and responding to email

Friday - Saturday: Weekend

## Weekly Activities

Sunday: Iglesia meets 3:00-5:00 pm

Wednesday: Women's Association meets  
Third Wednesday (Sep-May) at 10 am

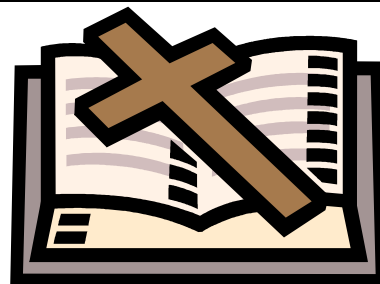
Session, third Tuesday at 5:30 pm

Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

Wednesday: Choir TBD

Every Thursday: Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

Every Friday – Valmont Victors 8-10 pm



# Pig Roasts and Potlucks

## Hardwick's Dill Pickles—from Cindy



### Ingredients:

- ♦ 1 sm garlic clove, peeled      \* 1 sm sliced onion      \* 1 tsp pickling spice
- ♦ 1 red pepper      \* 1 sprig of dill      \* 1 3" dill stalk      \* 3-4 washed grape leaves

### Preparation:

Syrup: Boil 5 minutes : 1 qt white vinegar      \* 4 qts water      \*1 C salt      \*1 C sugar

Stir, pour into jars. Seal tightly. Water bath for 20 minutes. Store with rings on. Makes 10—11 quarts

Enjoy!



## Southwestern Quiche—from Marlene



### Ingredients:

- ♦ 3/4 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese      \* 1/2 cup grated Monterey Jack cheese
- ♦ 3 large eggs      \* 1/4 tsp salt \
- ♦ 1/2 tsp. pepper      \* 1 1/4 cups half & half
- ♦ 1 4-oz. diced green chilies      \* 1 4-oz. can sliced olives
- ♦ 2 tbsp. finely chopped green onions

### Preparation:

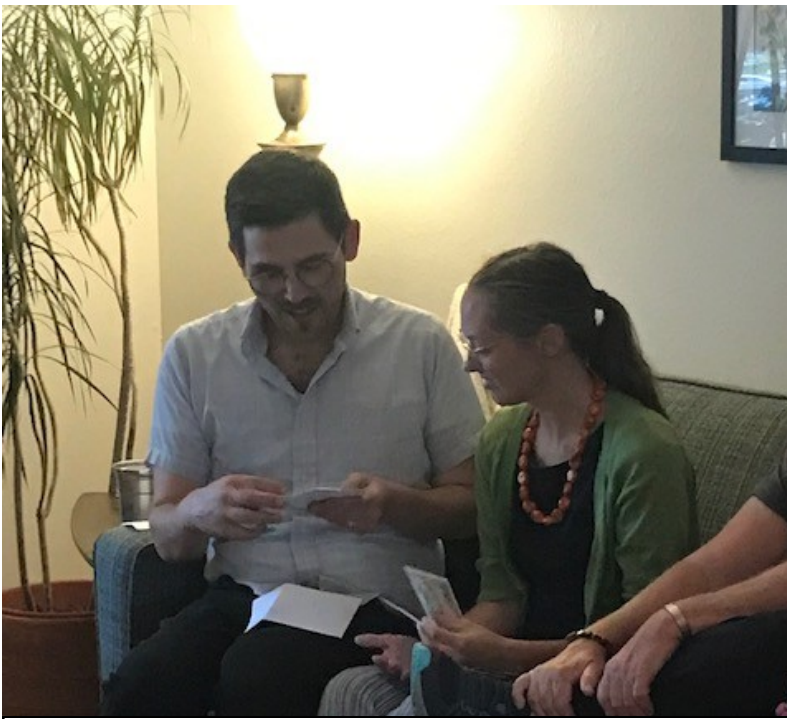
Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Mix cheese together and spread on bottom of pie shell. (I also have used a Mexican blend with both cheddar & Jack cheese together). In a medium bowl mix the eggs, pepper, salt, half & half, chiles, olives, & green onions. Pour over cheese covered pastry. Bake 40-45 min. OR until knife inserted comes out clean. ( It does depend on your oven) Serves 8

Enjoy!







## July Open House

Anneva and I would love to offer a hearty word of thanks for all of you who were able to participate in our open house in July. We have greatly enjoyed making our place on Sumner a home, and a big part of that moving forward will be finding opportunities to welcome you all to enjoy it. So, if you weren't able to attend the gathering in July, please know that we are planning on hosting other events as well as meeting with people in smaller groups for meals and teas. Thank you, again, for helping us make a home in Longmont.

With love,  
Anneva and Eric

## Property Update

Nothing specific. We're working on finishing up Fellowship Hall and nursery. Hanging blinds on doors next week if the doors don't need another coat of Danish oil. Painting door trim to nursery.

We're planning on painting the mailbox alcove this fall and will need 3-4 people to help with removing mailbox and painting. No date yet.

We're looking at how to "spruce up" for Valmont's 160th next year. Entry way and southern bare area subject to landscaping/flower pot update. Input needed. Project completion next spring.

Mike L

## I am Blessed!

When someone asks how I am, I almost always answer "blessed". I don't respond with "good" as many times I'm not. Otherwise I would not say a curse word when I drop something, or hit my head on a cupboard door that I opened a few minute earlier & forgot when I stood back up.

I don't say "well" as because of my heart condition, I'm never 100% well.



I don't say "okay" as no one wants to be mediocre .

How can I not say I'm "blessed"? I have a roof over my head, food in the pantry, freedom to go anywhere I can afford, family & friends who love me, and most important of all, I'm the daughter of The King.



Yes, I am truly BLESSED  
Cindy





Valmont joyously welcomed Randy Bullock as a member through the Sacrament of Baptism on July 17, 2022. Randy has been attending Valmont since the beginning of the pandemic, and decided that he wanted to join the church by taking this important step in his faith with us all.

Elaine Edmondson new address ...  
6915 Echo Ridge Trail  
Loveland, CO 80537



**Wonderful church  
picnics on the lake**



Anneva  
is on  
Goose  
detail



## Deacons' Basket

For the month of October & first 2 weeks of November the Deacons' Basket will be collecting money to pay for shipping charges for Shoeboxes our congregation packs for Operation Christmas Child. The last 2 weeks of November & December will be the Giving Tree for TGTHR.

Marilyn will be taking cookies (preferably home-baked, but store-bought work) to TGTHR the 2nd Monday of each month. If you wish to participate in this ministry, please bring your cookies to church the Sunday before the 2nd Monday, or at 2:30 Monday.

We are continuing our collections for the Crossroads School through the month of September---doing July, August and September

October-November 20—Operation Christmas Child

November 27-December 18—TGTHR (Formerly Attention Homes).

Operation Christmas Child

Blessing, Cindy



**HIGHLANDS Camp** 2023 may bring major changes to Highlands Camp and Retreat Center. The Presbytery of Plains and Peaks appointed a Highlands Governance Task Force to review the report that was completed by Run River Enterprises. The Task force has made recommendations for changes in the structure and leadership of Highlands. The Presbytery is the owner of the property. The report and recommendations will be presented at the presbytery meeting August 27 and will be voted on. The recommendations are:



The Highlands Joint Committee will be replaced as of Jan 1, 2023, with a new committee on Highlands Ministry. There will be nine members, five from the Presbytery of Plains and Peaks and four from Denver Presbytery, provided an agreement is reached. The moderator will always be from Plains and Peaks and elected by the standing rules. The P&P will have oversight of this committee through the council.

The Council of Plains and Peaks (P&P) will have authority for all employment matters through their personnel committee. This includes the Highlands Executive Director, including hiring, compensation, performance reviews, termination, and replacement.

The Executive Director will have the responsibility to propose and execute the annual operating plan, the capital plan, the human resources plan after these plans have been approved by the new Highlands committee in consultation with the council.

The committee and the Executive Director should form Ministry Teams with a director to provide advice on specific matters. The directors will report to the Executive Director. The recommendation for Ministry teams is: Operations and staff support      Property and Maintenance      Financial Ministry

Program Ministry

Marketing and Development

Note: This is a very basic summary of the report from the task force formed by the Council. The full report is eight pages. If you would like a copy, please see me and I will provide it for you.

Blessings!! Ruth Lewis , Highlands Camp Committee



## Stuck in Europe Alone

I had a wonderful trip with my wife to 5 counties of the old Yugoslavia, (Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Montenegro) and Italy. On the last full day in Venice, we were required to take a Covid test in order to reenter the United States. Out of the 35 people on our tour, I was the only one that tested positive. I was prepared to be quarantined physically with supplies, but not mentally. Being in denial, but realizing I was contagious, I backed up slowly to separate myself from the tour group. I was escorted back to my hotel room where I was to spend over 170 hours in confinement. My wife Debbie was given another hotel room which further isolated me. I still really didn't understand my situation. I'm not sure how I was going to get food ... when could I go home ... how was I going to get home. Pondering, I fell asleep.

The reality hit when Debbie and I said goodbye the next morning through the cracked door. Then I began to pray for acceptance of my quarantine. I was still in denial.

## Solitary Confinement

As I pondered about my surroundings and situation, I scanned my 10 by 12 room. Well this must be like prison. No, in prison you go to a cafeteria to eat and an hour or two of outside time (I'm guessing) ... this is Solitary Confinement. I observed my view out the windows; it was the side of a building. That was my first day, the day Debbie left. I didn't feel very good, and the day wore on with the temperature rising in my room. I can't lie in bed all day, so to get my exercise I walked around the bed. It is eleven steps around the bed and I planned on three thousand steps a day. At 6 pm that evening, it was 86 degrees in the room. The AC was working, but the sun was beating in the windows making it hot. I had a restless night sweating on top of the sheets. In the morning I convinced the office to send up a fan. I took a blanket and placed it over the windows to block out the sun heat. Between the fan, a blanket covering the windows and not wearing much, the temperature was bearable.

The hotel provided breakfast and sent two trays of food every morning at 8 am. There was so much food; I used some of the leftovers for lunch. For dinner I ordered from the restaurant next door which was delivered with a knock on my door. The entertainment was not the hotel TV (poor reception and no English channels), but my tablet connected to Netflix did the trick. That was my company - except for the guy in the mirror ... he just mimics me.

The only highlight of the week was the daily zoom with Debbie and the kids. The zoom was at 4 pm in Venice and 8 am in Colorado. I would put on a shirt and comb my hair in preparation of seeing my family.

Francesca was my Gate1 (tour company) contact. She called and emailed me several times a day to check on my progress and to see if I needed anything. She was a blessing -my link to the real world. I thank God for the loving and caring manner in which she took care of me.

## The Light at the End of the Tunnel or Was It

The day has come to retest for Covid. Francesca arranged the test and escorted me to the pharmacy to pay, and then to a church for the actual test. After 15 minutes, hallelujah I am negative. (Wouldn't you know, that was the day the requirement to be tested was eliminated to re-enter the US.) Francesca immediately ordered my flight back to the states. I spent the day outside enjoying Venice, eating at a sidewalk cafe with a glass of wine. I was so excited to fly home. I went to bed at 9 pm because I needed to get up at 3 am to meet the water taxi at 3:15 am. I didn't sleep at all, so I just got up at 2 am. Although being very tired, the taxi to the airport went well and the short flight to Amsterdam too. In Amsterdam, I had a 3 hour layover for my next flight to Salt Lake city, except the flight was delayed an hour-and-a half for staffing issues. I was getting delirious and drift. I didn't dare sleep at the airport in fear I would miss my flight. They tried to make-up time on the flight to Salt Lake City, but I still ended up missing my 1:50 p.m. flight to Denver. I tried to get the 5:15 flight, but it was full, so I got the 9:10 flight. Wow a seven plus hour layover and again I didn't dare nap at the airport, I endured. I was so tired by the time I got to DIA, I couldn't find the right baggage claim, and I couldn't even remember what airline I flew, or remembering to turn on my phone. Not being able to reach me, Debbie ended up parking and coming into the airport. I finally turned on my phone and called her, only to realize we were walking parallel with one- another as we were walking in the terminal. All in all I had 28 hours of travel and 54 hours of no sleep. Lord is my guide. Submitted by Mike G



## Eric's Preaching Schedule

Date	Scripture	Sermon Title	Sermon Series	Church Calendar
September 4	Mark 12:13-27	Trick Questions	Mark: Passion & Power	
September 11		[Guest Preacher]	[Guest Preacher]	
September 18		[Guest Preacher]	[Guest Preacher]	Communion
September 25	Mark 12:28-44	The Kingdom's Currency	Mark: Passion & Power	
October 2	Mark 13:1-37	The End of the World as We Know It	Mark: Passion & Power	World Communion Sunday
October 9		[Guest Preacher]		
October 16	Mark 14:1-26	Beginning of the End	Mark: Passion & Power	Communion
October 23	Mark 14:27-42	Profoundly Alone	Mark: Passion & Power	
October 30	Mark 14:43-72	Rigging the Courts	Mark: Passion & Power	Reformation Sunday, Fifth Sunday

### Adult Education

We will resume our Adult Ed. Class a few weeks after resuming our fall schedule on 9/25. Eric will be on a couple weeks of vacation with his family in the middle of September, but will inform regular class participants about some possible options for 9/11 and 9/18 if they would still like to meet on those Sundays.

### Women's Association

Women's Association will start up again 10 a.m. Wednesday September 21. We will be studying Max Lucado's book & video "John 3:16". All ladies are invited to attend. Our meeting, as always, will end with a potluck, but even if you can't bring something, there's always enough to go around. Books can be ordered from various sources, including Amazon.



Two shoebox recipients

### 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 [mgreever53@gmail.com](mailto:mgreever53@gmail.com) or give to **Ella in the office**  
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