

Summer 2022

Valmont VINTAGE

CELEBRATING *150 years* OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS!



Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



Pastor Eric

This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

Jeremiah 29:4-7

Perhaps my favorite thing about the summer months is the opportunity to grow a garden. I love watching the seemingly dead seeds scattered in rows and mounds of dirt. I anticipate seeing the first shoots spring from

the soil to reveal new life. Sprouts rapidly grow into mighty plants, yielding fruit for harvest. And no store-bought tomato will ever taste as good as one from the garden. Yes, there is the hard work of pulling weeds and fixing irrigations systems, but even those chores leave me feeling good at the end of the day. All of the work of the garden allows for us to take pride in what we eat, knowing that we have partnered with the earth to make it more fruitful than it would have been on its own.

I find it telling that the Bible both begins and ends in a garden. First and second Edens where humans can cultivate the soil to produce good, beautiful, and pleasing food. The first Eden was planted in order for Adam (and later Eve) to work the ground. The second Eden offers a permanent home for both humans and God. The first Eden is undone by sin relating to food. The second Eden offers healing for the nations through the fruit of the Tree of Life.

When we tend our own gardens, we follow after a signpost to this hoped for future without even knowing it. We humans were always meant to get our hands dirty in the soil as a means of stewarding the earth into its fullness of goodness and beauty — to help it be productive. The name *Adam* comes from the Hebrew *adamah*, which means dirt. This both points to humans being made of dirt in Genesis 2 as well as how we depend upon this dirt to

sustain our lives. As a consequence of this relationship, we are called to care for it and steward it; to bring it to its promised end of being Eden once more. Even for those who find themselves in Exile, (like the Judeans to whom Jeremiah wrote in Babylon) even these exiles are to help make Eden wherever they find themselves. For in sowing a small patch of Eden, we not only bless the earth but the people around us.

So regardless of whether or not you plan on planting a garden this summer, I do pray that you'll sow the future hope of Eden all around you. May this summer be a time to stand with life. May you help people find God by caring for this good earth we've been given.

In Christ, Eric

Ask a friend to join you.

You Have A Friend At Valmont!

**Worship at 9:30
No Sunday School**

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Calendar

6/5 - Worship at 9:30am, Pentecost

6/7 - Worship Team at 10:00am

6/12 - Worship at 9:30am, **Outdoor Service**, Trinity Sunday

6/13 - Deacons at 3:30pm

6/19 - Worship at 9:30am, Communion Sunday,
Father's Day

6/21 - Session at 5:30pm

6/22 - **All-Church Picnic at 6:00pm**

6/26 - Worship at 9:30am, **Outdoor Service**

7/3 - Worship at 9:30am, Eric on Vacation

7/10 - Worship at 9:30am, **Outdoor Service**,
Eric on Vacation

7/11 - Deacons at 3:30pm

7/17 - Worship at 9:30am, Communion Sunday

7/19 - Session at 5:30pm

7/20 - **All-Church Picnic at 6:00pm**

7/24 - Worship at 9:30am, **Outdoor Service**

7/31 - **Fifth Sunday** of Service at 9:30am

8/7 - Worship at 9:30am

8/8 - Deacons at 3:30pm

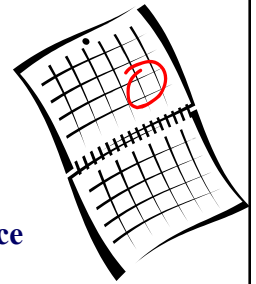
8/14 - Worship at 9:30am, **Outdoor Service**

8/16 - Session at 5:30pm

8/17 - **All-Church Picnic at 6:00pm**

8/21 - Worship at 9:30am, Communion Sunday

8/28 - Worship at 9:30am, **Outdoor Service**



Pastor's Schedule:

Sunday: Worship

Monday - Thursday: In the office and responding to email

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: No Choir

Every Thursday: Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

Every Friday – Valmont Victors 8-10 pm

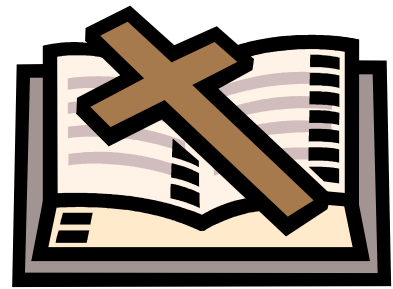
A Little History About Valmont Submitted by Kathy Houghton

Charles L. Sawhill was an organist for Valmont Community Presbyterian Church beginning in 1909. Charles was born on the Sawhill family farm in 1899. He began taking piano lessons from a local teacher in 1908, and continued through high school, and then started playing organ. Besides playing at Valmont he played for fellow residents at Good Samaritan Care Center, and was the organist at the Gateway Masonic Lodge in Denver. What he really enjoyed playing was classical music including J.S. Bach, Chopin, Brahms and Mozart. Barbara Leiber (now deceased and a previous member of Valmont) recalled him playing regular hymns at church, and in-between her would play Mozart. "He really loved classical music. He devoted his time and never accepted a cent. It was his way of sharing his love of music with others." Through Charles' efforts, the church received its first organ from the Masonic Lodge. That first organ burned in the 1979 church fire. In addition to playing classical music, Charles also enjoyed good "old favorites" as he called them including - When You Wore That Tulip, and Carry Me Back to Old Virginny. Charles was a man of the world travelling 14 times to Europe between 1950 and 1978 including six trips each to Egypt and Greece, and his last trip was to Alaska. Charles Sawhill was uncle to Joy Keeter



Sunday School

Cheryl and Debbie G. enjoyed teaching an Easter Sunday school lesson with Luca and Natalia



Pig Roasts and Potlucks

Vegetable Salad from Deb G. PEO Cookbook



Ingredients:

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| ◆ 16 oz can red kidney beans drained | * 16 oz can French Style green beans drained |
| ◆ 1 C. white vinegar | * 16 oz Rotoni cooked/drained macaroni |
| ◆ 1/2 c chopped green pepper | * 1/2 c chopped cucumber |
| ◆ 1 small onion chopped | * 10 oz frozen peas |
| ◆ 1 c 1/2 n 1/2 | * 1/2 sugar |
| | * 1 c celery chopped |
| | * 2 cups mayo |
| | * Salt and pepper to taste |

Preparation:

Combine kidney beans and vinegar in small bowl, mix well. Let stand for 1 hour and drain. Combine the pasta, green beans, peas, green pepper, cucumber, celery and onion in a lg bowl, mix well. Add drained kidney beans, mix gently. Mix mayo, 1/2 n 1/2 and sugar then add to salad and toss. Cover and chill overnight. Enjoy

The Deacons have decided that the ministry would be most effective if it served friends and family of Valmont as opposed to adopting the residents of a facility. We welcome suggestions of individuals who might appreciate a word of encouragement. So if you have a friend or neighbor that you would like included in our monthly mailings, please email Claudette (jncwalpole@yahoo.com) with the relevant information. As always this ministry would not exist without each of you who sign the cards each month. The next opportunity to do so will be May 15th.

Submitted by Claudette



Upset?.....	John 14
Weak?.....	Psalm 18:1-29
Lonely?.....	Psalm 23
Sinned?.....	Psalm 51
Worried?.....	Matthew 8:19-31
Anxious?.....	Phil. 4:4-9
Unhappy?.....	Col. 3:12-17
In Danger?.....	Psalm 91
Depressed?.....	Psalm 27
Lack of Faith?.....	Exodus 14
Others Unkind?.....	John 15
Need Courage?.....	Joshua 1
Need Direction?.....	Psalm 73:21-26
Seeking Peace?.....	Matthew 11:25-30
Leaving on a Trip?.....	Psalm 121
Labeled an Outcast?.....	Romans 8:31-39
Struggling with Loss?.....	Luke 15
Struggling Financially?.....	Psalm 37
Discouraged with Work?.....	Psalm 126



The baptism of James Seelig, son of Evan and Jakob, was held on the first of May. Bruce McQueen filled in for Eric who was awaiting test results from an exposure to COVID.

Bags of Grace submitted by Claudette

We will be packing 30 bags (20 for men and 10 for women). Here is the list of the items we need:

Towel	Washcloth	Shampoo	Conditioner	Soap
Deodorant	Toothbrush	Toothpaste	Chapstick	Comb
Hand sanitizer (sample size)	Kleenex (pocket size)	Gatorade	Trail Mix (individual packs)	
Cheese or peanut butter	crackers (indiv. packs)	Vienna sausages	Socks (20 men/10 women)	
Q-tips – 180 (6 per bag)	cotton balls - 120 (4 per bag)	Band-aids - 120 (4 per bag)		
pens - 60 (2 per bag)	envelopes – 90 (3 per bag)	sanitary pads – 10 packages		

We also need 20 blue and 10 pink drawstring backpacks from Mato & Hash on Amazon.





Stella Mae & Elaine joined us for the first time this year. Mark, Elaine's son brought her & came for St. Patrick's day lunch of corn beef & cabbage, made by Cindy. Eric is ready to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.



A visit with Jack and Jan Carlson

Mike and Deb did a road trip to visit there friends, Jack and Jan. They spent two days catching up and playing cards. They had a great time. Oh, and on the way home, their car broke down in Gould OK (set of three building consisting of a bank, Post Office and a gun shop). They were towed 45 miles back to TX to get the car fixed. God is good Back on the road in 5 1/2 hours.



Sally Bird and her band played at the Milk Market Stage in Denver on May 15. Wow, do they sound great. Try to catch there next performance.
Mike G.



More Lawn fertilizers

We have a gaggle of Geese for the summer. Here is a family of 8 little ones.

Deacons' Basket

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.

June, CYAK July-September, School (which one will be decided later)

October-November 20—Operation Christmas Child

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

Operation Christmas Child



I know November is a long waaaaay in the future, but it's hard to believe that we're already in the middle of May, so the 3rd week of November will be here before we know it. I recently watched part of an online OCC video conference & heard 3 young adults talk about the shoeboxes they had received as children which changed their lives. I was quite surprised to hear what their favorite items were. The young woman from Ukraine really liked the hygiene items & still has one of the fancy combs from her shoebox. The young man from Africa was very happy to receive a toy car & to discover he didn't have to share the contents of the box with anyone—everything in it belonged to him! The young lady from Mexico was touched by the letter that was included, telling her that God loved her. These gifts helped them to know God knew exactly what should be in the boxes they received. All Shoebox recipients I heard were also happy to get school supplies. Thanks

More than 10.5 Million shoeboxes were collected in 2021, with 9.1 million of those coming from the US. As a result of this endeavor, Shoeboxes have been distributed in 135 countries! That's 10.5 million children + their families have been introduced to Jesus through the generosity of "Shoebox packers"! 26,000,000, yes, that's 26 Million, Greatest Journey booklets have been given to children since 2009! Shoeboxes collected and sent from Colorado this past year have gone to Haiti, Zambia, Mexico and Western States Native Americans. Only God knows who will receive a Shoebox and be introduced to Jesus through your endeavors.

I challenge each family unit at VCPC to send at least 2 shoeboxes this yeas! Blessing, Cindy

More in the Deacons' Corner

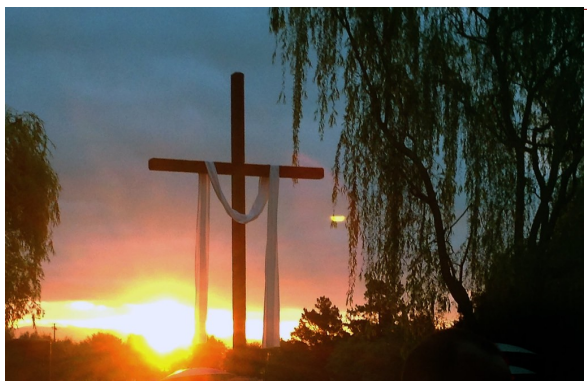
During the summer months, the Deacons' Basket has been traditionally focused on Education. At the Deacons Meeting, we voted to adopt The Crossroads School in Longmont for July-August.

It is a Christian school with a mission to serve at-risk, struggling students, many whom are adopted or in foster homes. Polly, mother of Adam London, the missionary pastor we sponsor at CYAK, currently teaches at Crossroads. Polly has mentioned that as a Christian non-profit, the school relies on the generosity of the community.

Barb, the director of Crossroads, is planning to be at church June 5th to tell us more about the school's mission. She will be available during Coffee Fellowship to answer any questions. Submitted by Claudette



Valmont Church is blessed
with wonderful music.



The Beauty of Easter Morning



Greeting VCP Family-

I am writing this update from my office space in our lovely new rental home only a few miles from the church. What a pleasure to finally put the few things we have acquired away in drawers and closets! We are settling in to the new space and will have the months ahead to explore and get familiar with the new area and home. We are grateful. It's been quite a journey.

I am happy to say that we are stronger than ever and have become closer as a family through this challenge. Francois continues to work remotely at home and always finds time for the tennis courts. Lily just graduated from Centaurus High School and will be studying abroad in Taiwan next year. Clara is finding odd jobs in woodworking, continuing to learn/study with her mentor and working hard at Busaba in Louisville. And adding to that, Clara brought Lily on to the team at Busaba and both girls work there now. Be sure to drop by if you want some wicked good Thai food! Our oldest daughter Chloe is doing well in Brooklyn and I'll be going to visit her soon—the first time post-COVID. We were blessed to have family time in Mexico and truly benefited from the rest, relaxation and time away. Thank you for being so understanding in my absence.

We have yet to make a decision as to whether we will rebuild or move on after the fire. Please pray that Francois and I will find clarity in these months ahead.

Our new address: **7251 Siena Way, Boulder, CO 80301**

We've barely been here a week and have much more settling in to do, but we have compiled a list of things we could use. We are trying to avoid making too many new purchases and instead are looking for gently used items in need of a second home. This is a list we've begun compiling:

- ♦ **Small patio table and 4 chairs**
- ♦ **Fold away twin bed frame**
- ♦ **Lamps/floor and table**
- ♦ **Stand mixer/Kitchen aid**
- * **2 Barstools**
- * **Nightstand(s)**
- * **Shower curtain and rod**
- * **Pretty table cloth(s)**
- * **Small dresser/chest of drawers**
- * **Area rugs, various sizes**

Take a look around your home and see if you may have something we can use. Please reach out to me, stellafrancois@msn.com. We appreciate it so much!

Thank you Valmont Family,
Stella, Francois, Clara and Lily

Women's Association

By the time you read this, Women's Association will be finished for 2021-2022 year. I hope everyone has a wonderful summer! Everyone who has attended our meetings this year has enjoyed (and learned from) our TASTE and SEE Discovering God Among Butchers, Bakers & Fresh Food Makers by Margaret Feinberg. When we start up again in September, we will start a new study series. If you have any ideas what you would like to study for the year, please let Cindy know.

As you know, the pie auction was a great success, allowing us to purchase window coverings for both the Nursery and Fellowship Hall. Thanks to everyone who contributed pies as well as to those who purchased & enjoyed the m.

Blessing, Cindy

Eric's Preaching Schedule

Date	Scripture	Sermon Title	Sermon Series	Church Calendar
June 5	Mark 7:24-37	The Children's Crumbs	Mark: Discipleship & Destiny	Pentecost
June 12	Mark 8:1-21	Rote Memorization	Mark: Discipleship & Destiny	Trinity Sunday
June 19	Mark 8:22-9:1	The Way of the Cross	Mark: Discipleship & Destiny	Communion
June 26	Mark 9:2-29	Son of Man	Mark: Discipleship & Destiny	
July 3		[SUNDAY OFF	[Guest Preacher]	
July 10		SUNDAY OFF	[Guest Preacher]	
July 17	Mark 9:30-50	Picking Sides	Mark: Discipleship & Destiny	Communion
July 24	Mark 10:1-16	Family Planning	Mark: Discipleship & Destiny	
July 31		[FIFTH SUNDAY OF SERVICE]		Fifth Sunday
August 7	Mark 10:17-52	Moving On Up	Mark: Discipleship & Destiny	
August 14	Mark 12:13-27	Trick Questions	Mark: Passion & Power	
August 21	Mark 11:1-26	Setting Up Shop	Mark: Passion & Power	Communion
August 28		SUNDAY OFF	[Guest Preacher]	

Do you have shoes in your closet you know longer wear? If so, please bring them to VCPC on 2nd Sunday of the month & Cindy will deliver them to Soles 4 Souls, a non-profit organization that refurbishes used shoes for needy people, whether it be for job interview, or just need a pair of shoes for everyday wear.



Wind Damaged Sign

Mike and Mike worked to fix and replace our damaged sign. With the help of two volunteer welders, Jake Zink and David Greever, the sign frame is fixed. New lighting was installed and electrical was repaired. We just recently installed the new insert. Thanks to all who helped!



Rev. Amy Morgan was our guest pastor on May 22. She had a great message. Thank you!

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 or give to **Ella in the office**
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