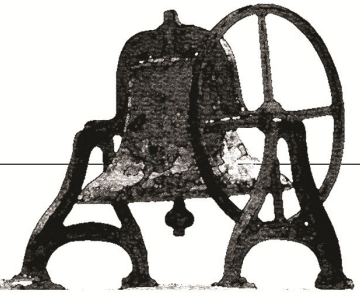


Nov/Dec 2014

Valmont VINTAGE

CELEBRATING *150 years* OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS!



Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



Pastor Eric

Many of you probably know that I had a bit of a health scare this last month, where I suddenly found myself unable to speak or understand language for about a twenty minutes. Even though this event ultimately resulted as well as possible, it has left me thinking a great deal about how important language is to me. I have never been a good athlete, artist, or really anything else -- I've only had my words. Much like Paul Simon claims in "I Am A Rock", "I have my books and my poetry to protect me." But what happens when those words are suddenly taken away? What happens when my identity and protection are no more?

Perhaps providentially, the sermon I preached following my complex migraine focused on a very similar point: that the church's language is no longer the language of our society. All of the language of our

theology and history and culture are alien to the world in which we live. Our language has ceased to do what language is meant to do (namely, communicate), and has instead become a barrier between us and the world; it has become a barrier between the gospel and the world.

As I wrestled with the implications of the loss of my language, I wondered if it made me less myself. Since so much of my identity has been wrapped up in what I read and think, and consequently what I say about those things, would I cease being Eric if my language were to vanish? Yet these have been afterthoughts. In the midst of my aphasia, I felt eerily calm. I could not think many things, as my mind was quite muddled, but I was able pray: "Lord I can do nothing apart from your power. Your will be done in this situation."

The fact of the matter is that the thing that makes me me is not language, but rather the love of God. I would feel lost and confused without my words, but it would do nothing to diminish my personhood or worth, since those things are already assured.

Likewise, the church's worth and identity are not rooted in our language, these are rooted in the gospel. We may feel grief and concern over the prospect of a changing world, but we must remember that it is not the world that grants us value, but the love of God. If our language doesn't seem to be working anymore, then we are to take comfort in the gospel and look for

new words that will speak hope to our world today.

The gospel still has power. God has not failed. This church still has a purpose in Jesus and through the Holy Spirit for the glory of the Father. I am excited to explore with you all the new words and ways we can express the good news about Jesus' lordship over the whole world. I look forward to seeing how God will complete the good work that has been begun in the family of Valmont.

For the love of 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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Bulletin Board

Elders:

Shirley Crowe *Don Lewis*
Rex Craig *Ella Travis*

Clerk of Session: *Joyce Glazer*

Deacons:

Judy Holmes *Anne Harris-Cross*
Cindy Sexton

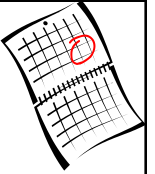
Treasurer: *Ruth Lewis*

Church Administrator: *Ella Travis*

Choir/Worship Leader: *TBD*

Accompanist: *Denise Pelusch*

Calendar



Nov 2 Annual Reports will be distributed

Nov 16 Congregational Meeting

Nov 23 Special Hanging of the Greens Service

Nov 26 Gunbarrel Combined Churches Thanksgiving Service

Nov 30 Advent Begins

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, November 30th - First Sunday of Advent



This year we will be launching our Advent festivities in a slightly new fashion. Typically you enter into the sanctuary on the first day of the Christian year, finding it flush with decorations that herald our coming King. Advent, however, is a time of preparation and anticipation, so we will use our time in worship to do just that -- we will prepare both the sanctuary and our hearts for the coming King of the world. I don't want to give away too much of what you can expect from this Sunday, but I do want to emphasize that this will be a very family-friendly service (and a great time to invite family and friends). Please join us for a day of worship and celebration as we anticipate the great gift God has given to the world in Jesus. - Pastor Eric

Weekly Activities

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

Every Tuesday: Women's Association meets
 Second Tuesday at 10 am

Art group meets 4th Tuesday at 9:30 am

Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

Choir practice at 5:45 pm

Every Wednesday:
 Yoga Class 9 am

Tremble Clef Choir 11 am

Session, third Wednesday at 5:30 pm

Every Thursday: Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

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

Every Friday – Valmont Victors 8-10 pm

SCRIPTURE VERSES

Psalm 112:7-8 He does not fear bad news, nor live in dread of what may happen. For he is settled in his mind that Jehovah will take care of him.

Psalm 32:7 You are my hiding place from every storm of life. You surround me with songs of victory.

Isaiah 41:10 Fear not, I am with you. Do not be dismayed. I am your God. I will strength you; I will uphold you in my victories.

Isaiah 41:13 I am holding you by your right hand. I am the Lord your God and I say to you don't be afraid; I am here to help you.

Nominating Committee - 2014

The members of the 2014 Nominating Committee were Cheryl Craig, Scott Starin, and Ruth Tisdale. They were asked to nominate two Elders, one Deacon, three members of the Nominating Committee and three members of the Personnel Committee for 2015. Here are the results:

Elders: Rex Craig (2nd consecutive term), and Mike Greever

Deacon: Don Lewis

Nominating Committee: Cheryl Craig, Dave Hustvedt, and Cindy Sexton

Personnel Committee: Ruth Tisdale, Deb Starin, and Stella May Montgomery



Deacons' Nov/Dec Caring Basket Operation Christmas Child See Judy, Cindy or Anne

The "Giving Tree" will be up Nov 9, so please pick up one or more ornaments to help brighten someone's Christmas. More details to follow.



Christian Education

Sunday School children ages 5 to 14 meets in the Sunday School classroom (Far end of the sanctuary). We continue to learn about God's love from stories in the New Testament. We play games, do crafts and enjoy the help of Ponder and Dreamer—two puppet characters.

Please come.

Cheryl Craig and
Debbie Greever



Pig Roasts and Potlucks



Frozen Raspberry Salad from the Kitchen of Debbie G Makes 4—8 servings

Ingredients:

- ◆ 1/4 cup honey
- ◆ 1 1/2 cups mini marshmallows
- ◆ 2 bananas
- ◆ 1 cup whipping cream
- * 2 3oz pkgs cream cheese softened
- * 1 pkg frozen raspberries partially thawed
- * 2 oz. small pkg chopped pecans

Directions:

Mix honey with softened cream cheese. Mix all other ingredients except whipping cream. Whip cream until stiff. Fold into other mixture. Pour into desired serving bowls/cups. (I like cupcake liners) Freeze. Before serving—thaw: Bowl—45 minutes; Cups—around 20 minutes.



New Music Team

Greetings from the music team: Mary Chapin Durling, worship director and Madoka Asari, collaborative pianist.



I have traveled 2,000 miles from the East—New England and Madoka has traveled nearly 6,000 miles from the West Japan to find our musical and spiritual community here at Valmont. And we are so pleased to be here!

I have an undergraduate degree in music/dramatic arts and a Masters in Creative Arts in Education. In my professional world, I was an arts administrator at a Massachusetts state university. My vocational life included many wonderful years of community choirs, community theater and most recently, Musical Minster for the Congregational Church in my hometown of Rindge, New Hampshire.



Madoka studied piano performance at DU and then completed her Masters at Indiana University also in piano performance. When not with us at Valmont, she is active as a collaborative pianist on various instruments here in Boulder and Denver.

Madoka brings a real sense of collaboration to her piano work, and I have experience with community engagement. These are two important components in our music ministry. I hope that the music will be collaborative: that church members will share their musical gifts of voice or instrument. And in sharing those gifts, it will lead to a spiritually and musically rich and vibrant community.

I'm excited to share the music of the Advent season with the church. The anticipation of Christ's birth as expressed in music is especially meaningful to me. I know that we, the choir and church will be exploring Advent's meaning and I invite anyone who loves the seasonal music to join the choir.



... and I've been known (already) to make cookies for rehearsals! - Mary Chapin Durling



Invitation

I have been so encouraged and inspired by Eric's sermons, as I hope everyone else has too. It occurred to me that I should tell others, and invite them to church. So I am praying the Lord will put someone in my life each week that I can invite to come to church.
Perhaps we could all give it a try.

Debbie G



Making a Differences—Highlands

As a middle school girl wrote at the end of her camping week this year, "Disneyland is lying and so is Snapple. Highlands is the happiest place on earth and made from the best things. It's perfect."

Presbytery of Plains and Peaks Meeting

Time: October 24-25, 2014

Place: Westview Presbyterian Church in Longmont

This is a good time to attend a presbytery meeting to learn what is happening in our presbytery and to see the governing process of PCUSA.

Registration for meals will need to be turned in the week before the meeting.

See Joyce Glazier if you wish to attend all or part of the meeting.

HIGHLANDS HIGHLIGHTS

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



Maria, the Executive Director at Highlands, has returned safely from Zimbabwe and is now traveling and spending time with family and friends. She had hoped to see an elephant while in Africa and was blessed to see a herd of twenty six. She has a ton of pictures and stories to go with them. Everything at the camp has continued to run smoothly. There have been a few minor incidents, such as a large truck taking down a power line which caused some excitement for a short time. Estes Power showed up and resolved the issue in a timely manner. Work is continuing on roof repairs for Paintbrush and Lodgepole cabins. We are grateful for a donor who provided for all the material for the roof on Paintbrush. Michael is getting esti-

mates to replace the heating system in Horse Lodge. The staff has been doing an amazing job in Maria's absence, but they are looking forward to her return to work on November 14th.

Several Outdoor Education groups have been to Highlands this fall. It is great to have over one hundred children at a time, on site and enjoying learning about their environment. Groups are booking space in the retreat center for 2015. Spring, summer and fall space is filling up fast. Many new groups have inquired about space and availability and then booked. Jessica Briggs, the new marketing person, is developing relationships with group leaders and doing a great job.

The annual Christmas Party and Auction will be December 6th from 1:00 to 4:00. The party will be held at Highlands. There are many wonderful hand crafted articles to bid on in the silent auction. If you have items to donate, please contact Marilyn Yates at 303-427-6498. The deadline for auction items is November 15th. As always, wonderful refreshments will be served. Also, special volunteers will be recognized for their service during the year.

Please plan to attend this special event!

Please continue to keep Highlands, the staff and volunteers in your prayers. Also, keep Maria in your prayers for her rest, rejuvenation and travels.

Blessings,

Ruth Lewis

Moderator

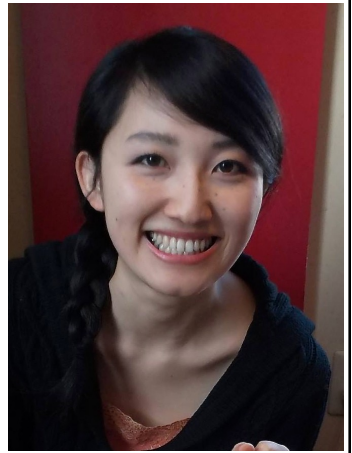
Highlands Joint Camp Committee



Say Hello to Madoka

Hello Valmont Community! My name is Madoka Asari and I'm the new pianist at Valmont.

I was born and raised in Sapporo, Japan. I started my first musical training at age 3 at Yamaha Music School and piano lessons the following year. Besides competitive career as a solo pianist, I always loved singing and accompanying myself on the piano, and after elementary school I always played for school choirs through high school. When I went to France, Czech Republic, and Austria with my piano teacher to perform in concerts at age 12, I naturally thought to myself that I wanted to live overseas in the future. As the English education started in 7th grade, I was so amused to the linguistic art and the sound of English.



After I was granted to take 2 months exchange program to our sister school in Massachusetts at age 17, I really liked the very practical education that the U.S. offers, and that made me realize that the U.S. was a perfect place for me to pursue my music career.

What DU attracted me was the location in the great nature for creative music making, and my teacher and mentor Prof. Steven Mayer. Solo recitals and concertos with orchestra, my experiences in Colorado were like a dream. With my teacher's advice for me to be in more competitive circumstance, I decided to relocate myself at IU. As rated as one of the best music school in the country, IU did not only prepared me to be a professional pianist, but also offered me to be an Associate Music Theory Instructor for a part of my scholarship. The inspiring world-know artists and knowledge from them convinced me that I should be one of those inspiring musicians, and I chose Colorado to share music with my gratefulness to people that treated me so well.

Valmont community has been my joy for the kindness and welcoming atmosphere. I feel accepted the community, and this motivates me to create more accessible music and to involve more people outside the community as well. As requested from some of you, I would love to introduce classical repertoire for the service. Please feel free to let me know what you would like to hear on the piano!

Just as an additional information, as I grew up climbing up on trees, collecting bugs, running and biking nowhere in the mountains, I'm curious about everything and swimming, eating, cooking, baking, hiking, knitting, movies and all sorts of things are my passion in life as well as piano. - Madoka

A Word About the Property—Submitted by Don

Property musings: Some of you may think the lake edge is moving south. You are correct, sometime around July when we fashioned the irrigation system in use today I planted a measuring post. At that time the water was about half way up the base and would have been minus 2' 6". Today it is about minus 1' 6" so my best guess is that we have added about one foot of water with very little rain.



You have probably noticed the nice clean carpets. They were just cleaned and boy is it nice. We had a pretty good September cleanup with major work in the garden, all of the windows cleaned and even got the yard light working. Still have to figure out why one side still only works some time.

It is about time to shut down our irrigation system because the leaves are in free fall. We will have to put up with the leaves until they are all gone and then Living Lawns will clean them all up

Annual Congregational Meeting

The annual Congregational meeting will be held after morning worship service on Sunday November 16th. We will be voting on elder and deacon nominees, by-laws changes, 2015 proposed budget and 2015 committee nominees. Please bring a light snack or finger foods to share. We will take a quick break to get coffee and snacks after worship before returning to the sanctuary for our meeting.

Joyce



Fifty - Submitted by Don

50 – Fifty: Fifty in the Bible is the number of jubilee, interpreted as a time of shouting accompanied with the blowing of a trumpet, or shofar. The reason for the shouting is that the year of jubilee (Lev 25:11) was the year of redemption. Jubilee was every fiftieth year, or seven sabbatical years. Every seventy year the land was to lay idle, and on the year after seven sabbatical years was also the year that land was to be back. However, this redemption did not The year of jubilee was also a time for the land. “And ye shall hallow the fifti- unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall unto his possession, and ye shall return



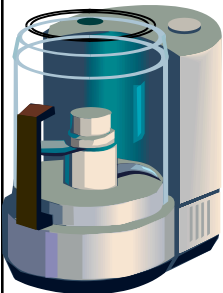
The number fifty, therefore, also held a promise of Israel’s return to the land with the coming of messiah. Fifty is also the number of resurrection and eternal life. Pentecost came in Israel fifty days after Passover. It was during this time that fruits and grain matured and the first fruits of harvest were to be brought to the Lord. Jesus instructed the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for fifty days until Pentecost when the Holy Spirit would come to indwell in them. Jesus had ascended to the Father forty days after His resurrection, but ten days before Pentecost.

At Pentecost, on the first day of the week (our Sunday, not Saturday), the priest was to wave a sheaf of the grain crop before the Lord as the offering of first fruits (Lev. 23:9-11). This offering symbolized the future resurrection of Jesus Christ, the first fruits of the first resurrection (I Cor. 15:23), who was raised on the first day of the week. The coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost was evidence of the acceptance by the Father of the offering of Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, for sin. Therefore, the Holy Spirit could dwell in those who are purged from sin as His temple (I Cor. 3:16, 6:19).

From: “God – The Master Mathematician”, by Dr. Noah Hutchings

Hello Valmont Family!

Howdy ya'll from the great state of Texas! Thank you so much for your wonderful gift of the



Target gift card. I'm looking forward to using it to help me settle back into my apartment this semester. If I have money left over I want to buy something fun like a dress (that I will make sure to model for you all when I get home!). I got "the cutest crockpot" and a small food processor using the Valmont gift card to Target. My first meal in my crockpot was Chicken Philly Cheese-steak and I am thrilled to have a meal ready when I get home! I feel like such an adult. Your thoughts and prayers mean so much to me. I sleep with the teddy bear, that you sent a few years ago, filled with all of your hugs every night. I miss you all so much and can't wait till I come home!



Hot and Humid Hugs All Around!

Love, Mandy



Eric's Preaching Schedule

11/2 "Scripture as Narrative
Act II - Fall/Uncreation"
Genesis 3 and 11

11/9 "Scripture as Narrative
Act III - Israel"
Genesis 12:1-3; Jeremiah
4:23-28, 31:31, 33-34

11/16 "Scripture as Narra-
tive Act IV - Jesus"
Luke 4:16-30

11/23 - Christ the King Sun-
day
"Scripture as Narrative Act
V - Church"
Ephesians 2:11-22

11/30 "Minor Prophets & the
Messiah"
Micah 5:2-5

12/7 "Minor Prophets & the
Messiah"
Zechariah 9:9-17

12/14 "Minor Prophets & the
Messiah"
Malachi 3:1-7

12/21 "Minor Prophets & the
Messiah"
Jonah 4:1-5

12/28 [Guest Preacher]



Join the Choir

"Sing and make
melody in your heart
to the Lord"
Eph. 5:19



Round Pantry Needs

- ♦ Volunteers for the 3:45 and 5:45 shift
- ♦ Baby cereal, canned meat, fruit and 100% juice (non refrigerated)



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**
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