

March/April 2015

Valmont VINTAGE

CELEBRATING *150 years* OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS!



Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



Pastor Eric

As we draw towards the end of our series concerning the Sermon on the Mount (and consequently the end of Lent as well), I find myself reflecting on what I've learned from this extended study of the Sermon and what I have come to believe is its central theme: what it means to be a child of our Father in heaven. Following the logic of Jesus' message, God's children hunger and thirst for righteousness/justice to the point of being persecuted for it; they will be a preserving salt and guiding light for a world in the decay of an upside-down reality; they will practice a deeper obedience, perfect love, and secret piety for their Father in heaven; and they will swear allegiance to God's Kingdom above all else. They will be authentically human like Jesus, the founder and perfecter of this way of life.

Lent is a season where we examine ourselves, recognize our dependence upon God, and repeatedly petition: "Lord, have mercy!" The hope of Lent is that we will come to the end of ourselves and submit to God. And this hope goes deeper still -- our hope reaches to the end of our humanity. We hope that being human will no longer mean being bound to sin and death; self-service and self-destruction; chaos and uncreation. We hope that we can be human in the fashion God intended in our creation. We hope to be the image-bearing children of God.

It is here that Jesus' proclamation of the Kingdom of God (the right-side-up reality of God) becomes such good news in the season of Lent. The Sermon on the Mount announces that we need no longer be enslaved to sin and death, but rather we can practice the truly human sort of life that Jesus himself exemplifies. In Jesus is both the hope for coming to the end of myself and the end of humanity's bondage.

As we draw towards both the end of Jesus' sermon and the end of this season, we may be left with number of questions: *How can we hope to practice the Christ-Life? When will we finally see the culmi-*

nation of the Apostle's jeering at death's defeat? What will it take to be a child of God? All of these rattle through our minds, but the Answer is coming. The challenge is laid before us, but the Empowerment will soon be given.

Again, as we come to the end of this sermon series and this season, let us honestly examine ourselves, and ask for Jesus' life to take effect within us. Let us renounce the old, upside-down order of this world, looking forward to our true aim: being children of God.

Amen, 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

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Don Lewis *Anne Harris-Cross*
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Treasurer: *Ruth Lewis*

Church Administrator: *Ella Travis*

Choir/Worship Leader:
Mary Chapin Durling

Accompanist: *Madoka Asari*

Calendar

March 9: 7:30 pm—Deacons meeting

March 10: 2 pm—Round Pantry

March 17: 5:30pm—Session meeting

March 18: 7 pm Mid-Lent Worship Service Wednesday

March 24: 2 pm - Round Pantry

March 29 : Palm Sunday—Regular School and Service

April 3: 7pm - Good Friday Tenebrae Service

April 5: Easter Sunday - Sunrise Service at 6:15am,

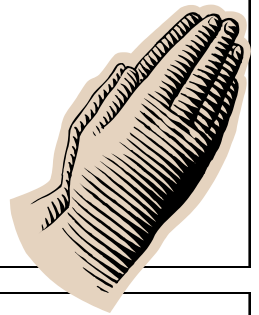
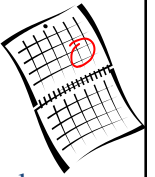
Worship Service at 10:30am

April 13: 7:30—Deacons meeting

April 14,: 2pm—Round Pantry

April 21: 5:30 pm—Session meeting

April 21: 2 pm—Round Pantry



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 11am

Session, third Wednesday at 5:30 pm

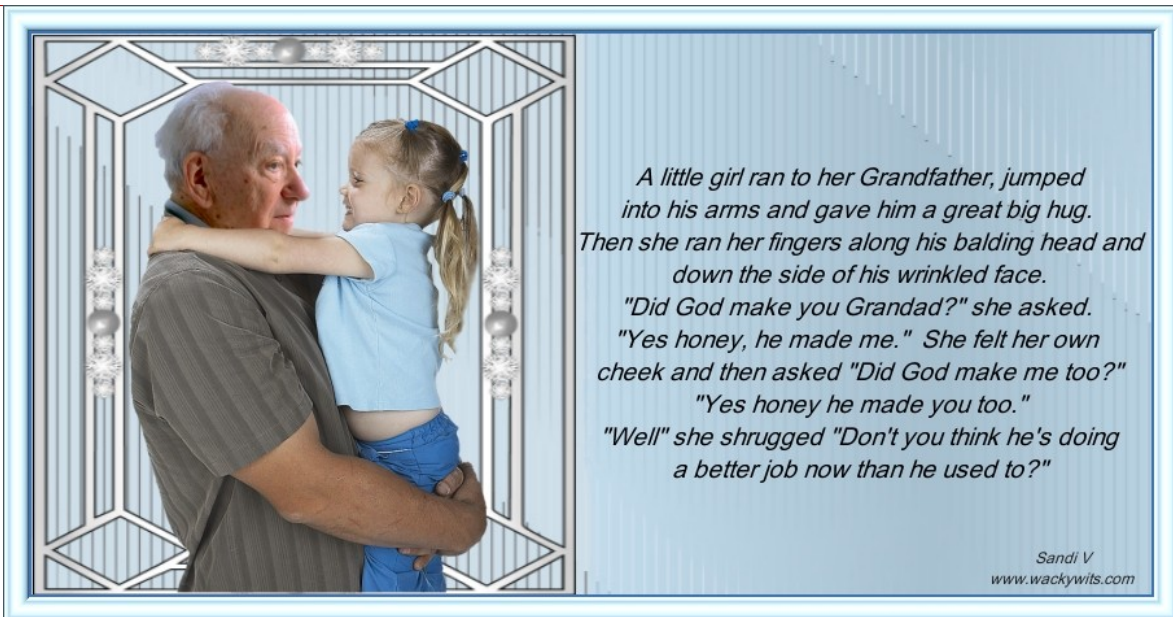
Every Thursday: Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

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

Every Friday – Valmont Victors 8-10 pm

Our Lake is Coming Back!





Pig Roasts and Potlucks

Spinach Balls from the kitchen of Ruth Tisdale



Ingredients:

- ◆ 20 oz. frozen, chopped spinach, thawed, drained
- ◆ 2 cups grated Parmesan cheese
- ◆ 2 large onions, chopped
- ◆ 1 tablespoon garlic salt
- ◆ 1 teaspoon thyme



- * 2 cups herb stuffing mix
- * 6 eggs, slightly beaten
- * 1 tablespoon pepper
- * $\frac{3}{4}$ cup butter, melted

Instructions:

Combine the spinach, stuffing mix, cheese, eggs, onions, garlic salt, pepper, butter and thyme into small balls and arrange on a greased baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Yield: 3 dozen.



Chicken Divine

Ingredients:

- * 2-10 oz pkgs frozen broccoli, cooked and drained
- * 6 chicken breast halves, boiled & deboned
- * 2 cans cream of chicken soup
- * 1 cup mayonnaise
- * 1 tbsp. lemon juice
- * $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. Curry powder
- * 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
- * Bread crumbs or potato chips

Instructions:

Place cooked, drained broccoli in a greased shallow baking dish. Lay chicken on top of that. Combine soup, mayonnaise, lemon juice and curry powder. Pour over chicken and broccoli. Cover with grated cheese, then bread crumbs or crushed potato chips. Bake uncovered at 350 for 25 – 30 minutes.



Music Ministry

Many Church Choirs are Dying

“Many Church Choirs are Dying...” was the title of an article that certainly sparked my curiosity. How did Valmont compare to that statement; and what insights might I find in the article to magically double or triple the size of the choir?



The article laid out an argument that “traditional” church choirs were so strongly focused on performance that they alienated the congregation; and were not an authentic participant in the life of the church. It then went on to suggest that wearing robes and situating the choir apart—in a loft—was beneficial as it removed the individuality of the choir members. Clearly a lot to mull over and ruminate about in regards to our Valmont Voices (as I like to call the choir).

So first to the last points—robes and segregation. To my thinking, one of the most wonderful aspects about this choir is that we emerge from the pews—from the body of the church. And we gather for a specific purpose: ministry. Moreover, we are less “special” because, without a robe or a segregated area, we are just like everyone else. From pews throughout the entire sanctuary, our voices join in all the hymns. We stand as a separate entity for only a brief time and with a specific purpose: ministry. We offer another way into the scripture or the sermon or the mystery of faith. And we are no different than the lay leader. No different than an elder with the communion plate. Perhaps even no different than the pastor.

And thinking about the article’s first point: that choirs are too performance-focused. I would counter that this group of singers at Valmont do not give a performance—they give a gift; their heart and soul—to be shared in worship.



So are we a dying choir? Not at all. Each anthem, each hymn, each prayer, each sermon—all parts in the creation of something that is greater than any individual. And something that is blessed.

Mary Chapin Durling



Our community

garden will be ready soon!

Let the property people know if you would like a plot.

Mike, Don and Dave



DEACONS' NEWS BOX

Send Someone a Little Encouragement

Do you know someone who could use a little encouragement? The Deacons do.

Handwritten and handmade cards mean a lot to people, especially those who are shut-in, sick, a little down emotionally, or separated from our church family for some reason.

We are bringing back the card ministry and we'd like your help. We need people to write cards. Don't feel that you need to know the person that you are writing to. They will love getting your card even if they don't know you.

Look for the Card Writing Station in Fellowship Hall. There will be a basket of cards, a list of names and addresses, and a clipboard. Just choose a name and a card. Write a note. Address the envelope and leave it on the clipboard. Be sure and write your name or initials by the person's name on the list and the date you wrote the card. Every few weeks we will set up a table especially for writing cards but we want you to know that you can write a card *anytime*, not just on those days.



Other ways you can support this ministry:



Make hand-made cards

Encourage others to write cards during coffee hour

Help organize the card-writing table

Suggest people who need to receive cards

Make a donation to Deacons to help defray postage and envelope costs

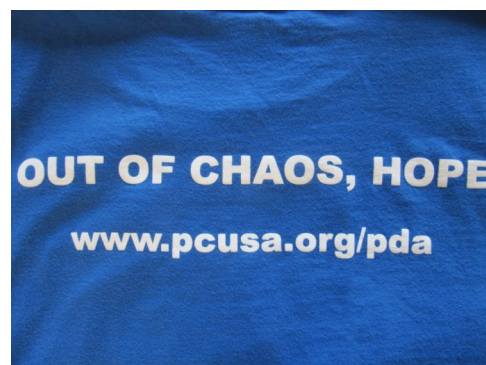
Talk to Anne Harris-Cross to find out more.

Anne Harris-Cross, Deacon

PDA this Spring

Mike Eastman is looking at setting up a week in April and maybe the week of June 7 to work somewhere locally.

Look for news to come.



Judy's Move to Boise Idaho —submitted by Dave Hustvedt

People: Benny and his son Benny jr, Ellen, Eric, Dave and Lou Ann, my son Anders, Rex....I think that was it.

Judy is moving in with the wife of a pastor (Kathy Groh) of a church that Judy attended in Colorado before she came to Valmont. The pastor died about the same time as Judy's husband died.

Dave and Lou Ann drove the truck with her belongings up to Bozeman. It took two days. Kathy's neighbor and I unloaded the truck. Lou Ann and I spent a day looking around Bozeman and flew back.



Judy's new contact information:

10666 Java Drive
Boise, Idaho 83713

Landline phone # is 1.208.323.5659

Cell phone # is 303.517.2106

Dave



Sunrise Service
April 5 at 6:15am,
Followed by breakfast
in fellowship hall.

Victoria and Chase Wedding



Victoria Afanasyeva and Chase Johnson were married on November 25, 2014 at Flatirons Church in Lafayette. Victoria was escorted by Don Lewis. Victoria's parents were not able to come from Russia for the ceremony, so technology allowed them to view the ceremony. Phil Miller skyped Victoria's mother, Alla and Don skyped the ceremony with her father. Chase's mother, brother, sister-in-law, and two sisters from Texas were in attendance along with several friends. Victoria and Chase are living in Long-

mont. Victoria is completing her studies in accounting at Front Range Community College and will graduate in May.



HIGHLANDS HIGHLIGHTS

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

Many exciting things are happening at Highlands. The Council of Plains and Peaks has approved the refinancing of the mortgage with additional money to be taken out for some major repairs. The bank has approved the refinancing at the current interest rate and the use of the appraisal that was done two years ago. The date for the minimum principal payment will be moved to January from July. A new furnace for Horse Lodge, new roofs for three of the buildings on the property and work on the water treatment plant are some of the repairs to be done this spring. The Council has also approved a matching grant of \$35,000 to be raised by December 31st. If that amount is raised from donors, the Presbytery will match the amount. There will be additional information on this grant in the months to come. The Highlands Camp Committee is confident that the mortgage will be completely paid off by the 75th anniversary of the camp.

2016 will be the seventieth anniversary of Highlands as well as the tenth anniversary of Maria Shupe serving as Executive Director. Plans for the anniversary year have begun. Watch for details in the coming months. Summer camp registration is under way. There will be 14 partnership day camps in addition to six weeks of residential camps. The Presbytery of Wyoming has closed their camps and are in the process of selling them. It is expected that Highlands will see campers coming from Wyoming as that presbytery has a special offer for their campers to attend Highlands.

I hope you will keep the Highlands ministry in your prayers.

Blessings!!

Ruth Lewis

Highlands Camp Committee



Eric's Preaching Schedule

Date	Text	Title	Series	Church Calendar
March 1	Matthew 6:19-24	Investing in Lamps	Sermon on the Mount	
March 8	Matthew 6:25-34	Better than Psychotherapy	Sermon on the Mount	
March 15	Matthew 7:1-11	Asking for Better Eyes	Sermon on the Mount	Communion
March 22	Matthew 7:12-20	If It Looks, Quacks, and Swims Like a	Sermon on the Mount	
March 29	Matthew 7:21-29	Divine Building Codes	Sermon on the Mount	Palm Sunday
April 5	John 20:1-18 1 Corinthians 5:16-21	New Creation!	[One Off]	Easter
April 12	Luke 22:14-20 John 6:35-40, 47-59	Sacramentology (Real Presence/	Communion	Communion
April 19	1 Corinthians 11:23-34	Ecclesiology (Body of Christ)	Communion	Communion
April 26	Colossians 1:15-29	Missiology (Taken, Blessed, Broken,	Communion	Communion
May 3	Revelation 19:6-10	Eschatology (Wedding Feast of the	Communion	Communion
May 10	Matthew 28:16-20	Commissioning in Doubt?	Birth of the Church	
May 17	Acts 1:1-11	A Diving Spaceman?	Birth of the Church	Ascension Sunday Communion
May 24	Acts 2:1-13	New Wine in the Morning?	Birth of the Church	Pentecost
May 31	Exodus 20:1-2	Prologue	Ten Commandments	Trinity Sunday

“King James” into “Jackson County” Tennessee The Hillbilly's Ten Commandments

This is on the wall at Cross Trails Church in Gainesboro, TN:

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| 1. Ain't but just one God | 2.Honor yer Ma & Pa |
| 3. No tellin' tales or gossipin' | 4.Git yourself to Sunday meetin' |
| 5. Don't put nothin' before God | 6.No foolin' around with another fellow's gal |
| 7. No killin' folks | 8.Watch yer mouth |
| 9. Don't take what ain't yer' and | 10.Don't be hankerin' for yer buddy's stuff |



It's your Vintage

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