

July/August 2016

Valmont VINTAGE

CELEBRATING *150 years* OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS!



Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



Pastor Eric

As we wrap up our series on our Mission Statement, I cannot help but think about how this short sentence might instruct our communal lives moving forward. "Our purpose is to love God, care for others, and be Christ's witness to the world." How can our love of God and neighbor influence our shared mission for the world?

Perhaps the wisdom of Johan Baptist Metz might shed some light on our way forward: "To be sure, Christianity is not primarily a moral system, but a hope; its theology is not primarily an ethics but an eschatology."

Inherent to our mission statement is a recognition that there is but one God and that Jesus is Lord. These beliefs carry a theology of hope — one that professes that in the end (the *eschaton*) we have confidence that God's plans for the rescue and restoration of the world will be accomplished because of Jesus, the Messiah. Because of our encounter with Jesus, we can have hope in the God of the Bible — we see that rescue is in fact being worked in our midst!

And so we, the family of Valmont, aren't called to live out a particular ethical system, but rather are to follow after Jesus, the one who has plunged head-first into God's rescue. As we follow after him, inviting others to join with us on this journey after him. You see, we aren't practicing an ethic so much as we are practicing a life, namely Jesus' life. Though our Lord was in the very form of God, he did not exploit this reality, but rather humbled himself to the point of death on a cross. Do we dare to follow after him into this way of

life? No ethic will make sense of this reality, but following after Jesus, in whom we can have confidence, might just sustain us in the midst of death as we pursue life.

I must admit, I am eager to pursue the Christ Life with all of you. Who knows what new opportunities will be opened to us as we continue to rely on the Spirit's guidance into the Christ Life for the sake of our love of God.

In Christ,
Eric

Ask a friend to join you.

You Have A Friend At Valmont!

No Sunday School:

Worship Service:

9:30

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Calendar

7/4 - Independence Day

7/11 - Deacons at 7:30pm

7/12 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm

7/17 - Communion Sunday

7/19 - Session at 5:30pm

7/24 - Outdoor Worship Service

7/26 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm

8/8 - Deacons at 7:30pm

8/9 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm

8/16 - Session at 5:30pm

8/21 - Communion Sunday

8/23 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm

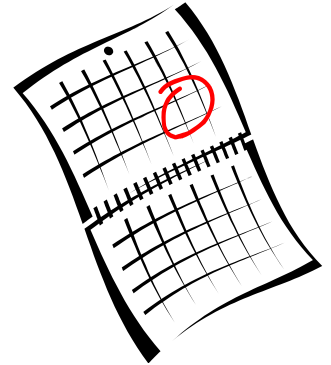
8/28 - Outdoor Worship Service

9/5 - Labor Day

9/7 - Worship Team at 3:30pm

9/11 - Education Hour at 9:00am,

Worship at 10:30am



Weekly Activities

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

Tuesday: Women's Association meets
Third Tuesday at 10 am

Art group meets 4th Tuesday at 9:30 am

Session, third Tuesday at 5:30 pm

Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

Wednesday:

Yoga Class 9 am

Tremble Clef Choir 11am

No Choir during summer break.

Every Thursday: Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

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

Every Friday – Valmont Victors 8-10 pm





Just a reminder.....

It may seem like Christmas is a long way off, but it's not too early to start collecting items for the Operation Christmas Child (shoebox) bin that is located in the fellowship hall. Not only do the millions of shoeboxes donated each year bring joy to children around the world, they also help share the Good News of Jesus Christ. And, this joy is multiplied as the children share their faith with family and friends. So, as you are out and about, be on the lookout for things to fill the bin with. There is a list of suggested items to help you in your search. Thanks to all! Ruth T.



Pig Roasts and Potlucks

A Blast from the past—2005 **Strawberry Jell-O Salad** from the kitchen of Nancy Gonacha

- ◆ 1 large package strawberry Jell-O
- ◆ 1 10 oz. package frozen sweetened strawberries
- ◆ 4 oz. chopped pecans
- * 2 C. boiling water
- * 2 crushed bananas
- * 1 c. sour cream



Dissolve Jell-O in boiling water. Cool. Add bananas, berries, and nuts. Pour half into 9X13 glass dish. Let set. Put on sour cream, remainder of Jell-O, and set.



Sweet n Sour Squash Salad From Debbie G's kitchen

Ingredients:

- ◆ 3 medium yellow squash, washed, ends removed and thinly sliced
- ◆ 3 medium zucchini squash, washed, ends removed and thinly sliced
- ◆ Optional - 1/2 cup red and /or green chopped peppers



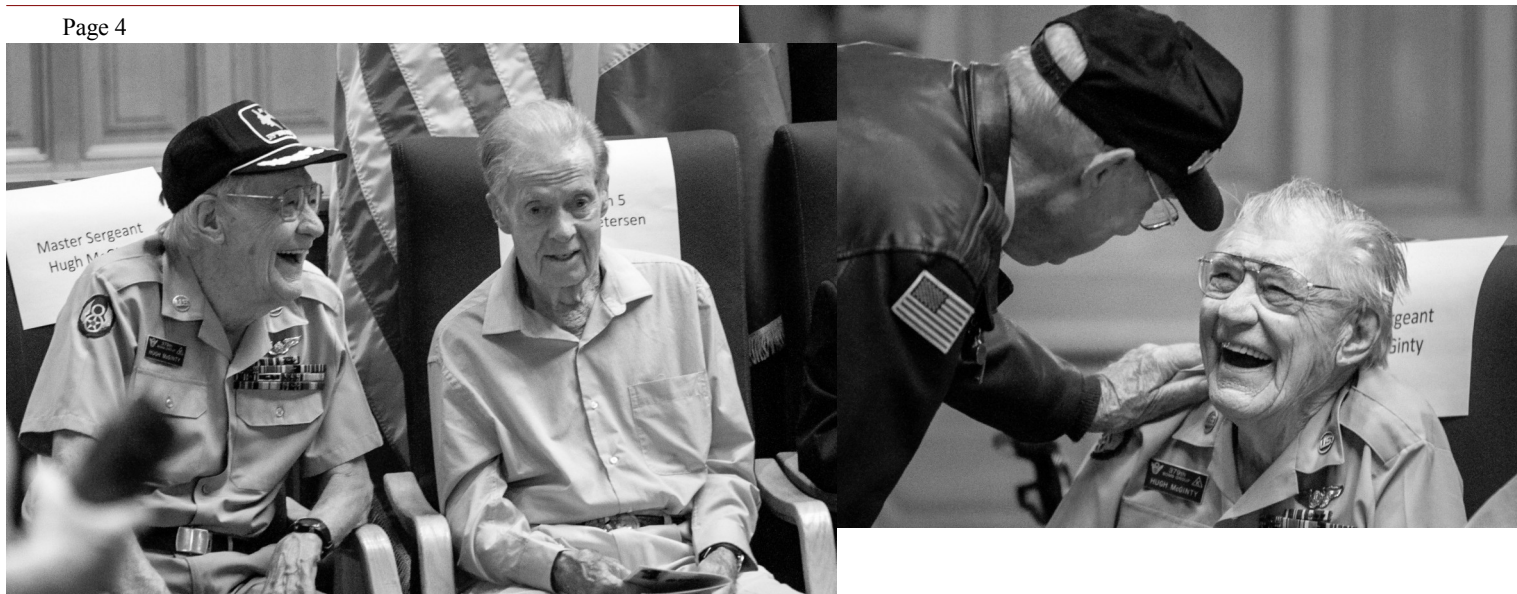
Dressing

- ◆ 3/4 cup sugar
- ◆ 2 tablespoons ranch dressing mix
- * 1/2 cup cider vinegar
- * 1/4 - 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- * 1/4 cup olive oil
- * 1/8 teaspoon salt

Instructions:

Mix dressing - pour over salad and serve, or make a day ahead.


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The French Legion Honor—Mac McGinty

On June 6, the 72nd anniversary of D-Day, Hugh "Mac" McGinty received the highest French honor in recognition for his service in the liberation of France during WWII. Mac, along with five other veterans, were inducted into the French Legion of Honor as knights, or more literally: *Chevalier dans l'Orde National de la Légion d'Honneur*. In a ceremony well-documented by our local press, these six veterans were thanked by Mr. Jeffrey J. Richards of the French Consulate as well as by Col. West and Gen. Best of the United States Army. While each of these veterans were accompanied by family and friends, those with Mac easily made up the majority of the audience.

Thank you, Mac, for your committed service against the forces of tyranny and continued struggle peace.



Cheryl's PDA Mission Trip 2016



Mr Robinson and Nancy with a sample of the carpet that Valmont helped to purchase.



Dennis and Nancy laying vinyl flooring in Mr Robinson's home



Mike - the jack of all trades working on the wiring in Mr Robinson's home



Allen installing one of the 9 doors he installed in Nina's house



Barbara - she loved doing all our cutting



Jerry our resident electrician



Cheryl and Diane laying laminate flooring in Nina's house

Sandy (aka "Rosie the Riverter") laying down cement board in preparation for ceramic tile ->



Nina - one of the two home owner's whose house we worked on ->





PIE AUCTION 2016

The pie auction raised \$2,670 so we have \$5,205.34 for facilities improvements .



News from the Deacons

Deacons' Basket for the rest of the year:

July – School Supplies for Family Learning Center and Katrina Proctor's Music Class

August – Starbucks cards for CU Christian outreach

September – Bags of Grace

October – Operation Christmas Child

November – Covenant Youth of Alaska (CYAK)

December – Giving Tree (Attention Homes)





HIGHLANDS HIGHLIGHTS

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

Summer camps have begun and the theme this year is “Fearless Faith.” There are many happy children enjoying each week in the mountains. Counselors have arrived from all over the country and adjusting to the surroundings as well as the altitude. Several of the summer staff are from other countries and are working to improve their English. As you walk around the grounds, you hear laughing and chatter from all directions. It is a great time to go up and enjoy the beauty of Highlands.

Highlands is partnering with 14 churches to provide day camps at no charge. A team of counselors go to the various churches and lead a vacation Bible school type program for a week. The counselors spend the morning with the children and then the afternoon is spent working on a service project for the church. Last year 335 children and youth enjoyed a Christ centered day camp experience. This is the eighth year for the Partnership Day Camp program.

2016 marks the 70th anniversary of Highlands. Big plans for the celebration are under way, including a camper reunion August 19-21. All former campers and friends are invited to enjoy the weekend at Highlands. Many camp activities are planned including crafts, hikes, campfires, singing, worship, and of course – smore’s and camp food. You can go to the website <http://www.highlandscamp.org> for more information.



Blessings!!

Ruth Lewis



Amidst a brunch potluck, Dave delivers a presentation on his trip to the Holy Land



Eric's Preaching Schedule

Date	Primary Text	Title	Series	Church Calendar
July 3	Galatians 1:1-10	The Story Of Us	[One Off]	
July 10	1 Samuel 8:4-18 Deuteronomy 17:14-20	Israel Demands a King	Solomon's Errors	
July 17	1 Kings 5:13-18	Slaves	Solomon's Errors	Communion
July 24	1 Kings 11:1-13	Wives	Solomon's Errors	Outdoor Service
July 31	1 Kings 10:14-25	Wealth	Solomon's Errors	
August 7	2 Samuel 5:1-5 Matthew 6:24	God's Challengers	Who Is God?	
August 14	Exodus 3:1-15	The God of the Bible	Who Is God?	
August 21	Psalms 139	Theism and Deism. / Machina Ex Deo	Who Is God?	Communion
August 28	Romans 1:18-23 Acts 17:22-31	Theism and Pantheism	Who Is God?	Outdoor Service

Women's Monthly Luncheon

Because Cindy will be gone the 2nd Wednesday in July, the ladies' monthly luncheon, July 13, will be at Pearline's.



Women's Day Road Trips

I have lived in Erie just over 4 years and there is still MUCH of the area that I have never seen. How many women would like to go "exploring" one Saturday a month? I love to drive, except in downtown Denver, so would be happy to fill the car & spend a day having fun with friends. Ruth L. & I have approximately 15 ideas for day trips. Thanks, Cindy



Let's go Boating!

The boat is in the water! Anyone interested in spending time on Carter Lake? I don't "drive" the boat, but can get the keys. Let's make a day of it. If you're interested, contact Cindy



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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