

Sept/October 2016

Valmont VINTAGE

CELEBRATING *150 years* OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS!



Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



Pastor Eric

***Comfort, comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and proclaim to her
that her hard service has been completed,
that her sin has been paid for,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.***
Isaiah 40:1-2

Sometimes I feel inconsolable. The lamentation voiced by Jeremiah seems undeniably true: "A voice is heard in Ramah. It is the sound of weeping and deep sadness. Rachel is weeping for her children. She refuses to be comforted, because they are gone." How do we, a people of hope, recognize both the real-

ity of suffering and restoration? The cross and resurrection?

Isaiah is something of mystery to me — a prophet who vacillates between a message of condemnation and one of forgiveness; loss and healing. The most notable shift in Isaiah takes place in the 40th chapter when prophet gives voice to the Lord's consolation. Much of the prophesy thus far has spoken an inevitable path towards destruction as Israel profane its worship and denies justice in the land — the conclusion seems inevitable: exile. Yet here, after all these harsh words, the Lord speaks comfort. Even on the course to exile, or on the other side of exile, there remains the Lord's desire to rescue, restore, and reconcile.

As we enter into what promises to be a very heated political season, I will continue to invite you to consider our ultimate hope. No matter what happens in November many of us will be disappointed with outcome — we may even feel inconsolable. Yet in the midst of our consternation about the politics and attitudes of our countrymen, let us remember that we are indeed a people of hope, and that our hope is not cities nor walls; it is not in armies nor economies; our hope is not in

leaders nor parties. No, our hope is in the Lord! And even when we collectively (and individually) walk down the path towards exile, the assurance of the Lord will not be shaken.

So comfort, comfort the people of Valmont. We live in the day of the Lord's rescue.

In Christ,
Eric

Ask a friend to join you.

You Have A Friend At Valmont!

Starting Sept 11:

Sunday School:

9am

Worship Service:

10:30

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Mary Chapin Durling

Accompanist:

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Calendar



9/4 - Last Sunday Worship at 9:30am

9/5 - Labor Day

9/7 - Worship Team at 4 pm

9/11 - First Sunday of Fall Schedule - Adult Education at 9:00,
Worship at 10:30 - Rev. Bailey Phelps, guest preacher

9/12 - Deacons at 7:30pm

9/13 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm

9/18 - Communion Sunday

9/20 - Session at 5:30pm

9/27 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm

10/2 - World Communion Sunday

10/5 - Worship Team at 4:00pm

10/10 - Deacons at 7:30pm

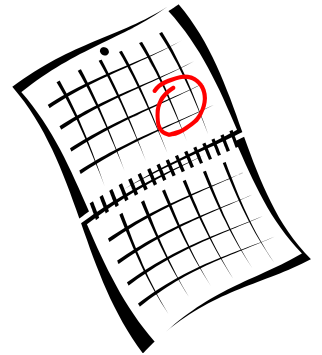
10/11 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm

10/18 - Session at 5:30pm

10/23 - Communion Sunday

10/25 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm

10/30 - Reformation Sunday



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 11 am

Choir practice: 5:45 pm

Every Thursday: Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

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

Every Friday – Valmont Victors 8-10 pm





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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 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. We have a list of suggested items to help you in your search. Thanks to all! Ruth T.



Pig Roasts and Potlucks



Blueberry French Toast From Kris Overfelt's kitchen

Prep: 30 min. Plus chilling Bake: 55 min.

Ingredients:

- ♦ 12 slices day-old white bread, crusts removed
- ♦ 1 C. Fresh or frozen blueberries
- ♦ 2 C. Milk
- * 2 pkgs. (8 oz.) cream cheese
- * 12 eggs
- * 1/3 C. maple syrup or honey

Sauce

- ♦ 1 C. sugar
- ♦ 1 C. Fresh or frozen blueberries
- * 2 T. cornstarch
- * 1 T. Butter
- * 1 C. Water



Instructions:

Cut bread into 1 in. Cubes: place half in greased 13" x 9" x 2" baking dish. Cut cream cheese into 1" cubes: place over bread. Top with blueberries and remaining bread cubes. In large bowl, beat eggs. And milk and syrup, mix well. Pour over bread mixture. Cover and chill for 8 hours, or overnight.

Remove from refrigerator 30 minutes before baking. Cover and bake at 350 for 30 minutes. Uncover, bake 25-30 minutes longer or until center is set.

In small saucepan, combine sugar, cornstarch and water until smooth. Bring to boil over medium heat: cook and stir for 3 minutes. Stir in blueberries: reduce heat. Simmer for 8-10 minutes or until blueberries have burst. Stir in butter until melted. Serve with the Blueberry French Toast. **Yields: 6-8 servings (1 3/4 cups sauce)**

Disaster Preparedness Planning

What if a disaster happened at Valmont church? Are we prepared to continue business and worship as usual?

Do you know there was a fire near Nederland that could have burned the Presbyterian Church to the ground? Do you know our Presbytery had three churches that were damaged in the 2013 flood? Do you know the most frequent reason Presbyterian Disaster Assistance responds to a church disaster is because of a fire in the church building?



What do you think we should have in place before a disaster happens?
What do we do in the event of a disaster?

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has partnered with Presbyterian Women to train women to lead the Presbytery, individual churches, families and other community groups to develop a plan that fits their needs.

Joyce Glazier has received this training and is ready to assist Valmont in creating our plan. If you are interested in helping, contact Joyce.



**Photos of
God's
Work**



**Wow, what a place ...
Thank you Lord!**

These are the PDA volunteers we hosted for dinner on July 13.



Joyce Glazier serving as the lay leader during our July outdoor service

Music Ministry



This summer has been such a joyful music-making time at church. We have been blessed with so many different configurations and gifts—from vocal trios to four-handed piano to solo piano by long-time members of the church to newly-arrived transplants. And it has been a heck of a lot of fun as well! Everyone who comes and shares their music always remarks that Valmont is a special place. How very true.

Now with the shortening of the days and the cooler temperatures comes the excitement of “rekindling” the choir and their musical offerings. I am remembering conversations early on after I was hired. I was told to not expect much (okay, any) change in the choir make-up ... to accept that pretty much everyone who sang was already singing. And yet, that has proven to be so far from the truth! The choir has been a wonderful, dynamic, growing and evolving entity—one that I believe will continue to grow.

And life never stays stagnant either. My husband Russell and I uprooted from New England to be part and present in the lives of our children and grandchildren. That has become more difficult as the grandchildren move into busy lives and public school—the opportunity for overnights and adventures conflicting more and more often with my Sunday morning time with you at Valmont.

I had hoped that a more part-time connection was possible but understand the vision of the Session to have a choir director at church every week. And so, it is with great sadness and much affection that say thank you and good-bye for now.

Warmly, Mary

Here’s a quote to touch on Sunday morning worshipful music-making:



“The moment a singer is free enough to allow his spirit to show in performance, that moment becomes something special ... a space for openness to learning, and an attitude for those gifts and the talents that are being encouraged and developed ... the magic of the moment.”

Valmont Vintage, August 2016

Well, summer is on the way out already. What’s more, given current realities in this country, we have some concerns about fall and beyond. But we have God’s sovereign Word *in our own language* with multiple promises of His care and grace, plus instructions for living in good times and bad....

Of course life is far worse elsewhere, given that about half the world’s almost 7,000 languages have zero Scripture. Interestingly, a recent Barna Group survey showed that 72% of Americans believe the Bible is available in *all* languages! And 98% believe that *everyone* should have access to it!!

But the really great news? Access for everyone *is* happening.... Roughly 150 translations are started in Bibleless languages every year and that number is climbing! And many other organizations are working with Wycliffe in what is becoming a global Bible translation *movement*!

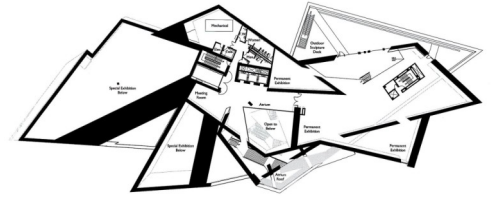
“For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.”
Habbakuk 2:14, NIV

Thanks to Valmont for helping make our part in all this possible,

Stu & Edith Nelson, Wycliffe Bible Translators



RENOVATION ACTION COMMITTEE



This committee, better known as RAC, is looking into the problems, issues and possible changes to our building to accommodate the future. This dedicated group consists of Ruth T, Marlene, Cindy and Deb G. Mike is the Property committee's representative in the group. The funds raised as of July 31, 2016 is \$6,755.34. Please pray for this committee to guide them in the Lord's will.

Faithful Service

Stephen and Dottyanne Bird are recognized for their faithful service with Wycliffe and are prayed over as they discern their future in ministry.



News from the Deacons

Deacons' Basket for the rest of the year:

- September** – Bags of Grace
- October** – Operation Christmas Child
- November** – Covenant Youth of Alaska (CYAK)
- December** – Giving Tree (Attention Homes)



History is His story

Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous

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 saw 167 campers compared to 183 in 2016. The biggest loss was in Sr. High Campers.....due in part to participation by many youth in the Presbyterian Youth Triennium. Highlands is committed

to providing scholarships so that no one is denied the opportunity to go to summer camp due to the cost. This summer nearly \$10,000 in scholarships were provided.

Highlands partnered with 14 churches to provide day camps at no charge, where they saw 420 children compared to 355 children last year. Four of the partner congregations brought youth to Highlands for a day, bringing 102 children to camp. This is the eighth year for the Partnership Day Camp program.

The Presbytery of Plains and Peaks has granted a \$100,000 matching grant. To date \$62,566.47 has been received towards the matching grant. Please contact Ruth Lewis if you would like more information regarding this matching grant.

2016 marks the 70th anniversary of Highlands. Big plans for the celebration are under way. The annual Christmas Party and auction will be Saturday, December 3rd at 1:00 p.m. Quilters, artists and crafts people are invited to share their talents by donating articles for the auction. If you have something to share, please contact Maria Shupe at maria@highlandscamp.org. We are so grateful for the many ways people share their gifts and talents at Highlands.



Blessings!!

Ruth Lewis



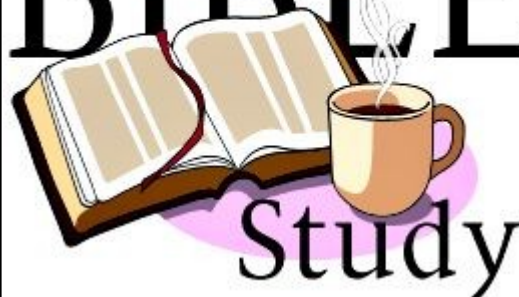
Prevent truth decay. Brush up on your Bible.

Adult Education and Fall Schedule:

As we move into fall, this not only signals our return to our 10:30 worship hour but also the start of Adult Education at

COME JOIN OUR

BIBLE



9:00. Starting on 9/18 we will both discuss what we'd like to study this fall — as well as discuss Romans 8 that day, so consider reading it in advance.

I can't wait to share in our lively conversations once more.

Eric



Eric's Preaching Schedule

Date	Primary Text	Title	Series	Church Calendar
Sept 4	John 1:1-18	God in Christ / Yeshua Bar Joseph	Who Is God?	
Sept 11				
Sept 18	Ephesians 2:11-22	God in the Church/Broken Glass	Who is God?	Communion
Sept 25	Ephesians 3:1-13	Spoiler Alert	Reaching Out	
October 2	Ephesians 4:1-16	Body Building for Jesus	Reaching Out	World Communion Sunday
October 9	Ephesians 5:15-20	Merry Melodies	Reaching Out	
October 16	Ephesians 6:10-20	A Lonely Soldier	Reaching Out	Communion
October 23	Jeremiah 29:4-14 Romans 12:14-21	Being A Blessing	Christians in America	
October 30	John 14:25-31 Revelation 1:4-8, 17-18	Living Without Fear	Christians in America	Reformation Sunday

One-liners with a Message

- ♦ It's hard to stumble when you're on your knees
- ♦ Give the devil an inch and he'll be your ruler
- ♦ Don't give up. Moses was once a basket case
- ♦ Forbidden fruit creates many jams
- ♦ Christians: keep the faith . . . but not from others!
- ♦ Give God what's right, not what's left

I'm a little Tea Pot, Short and NOT!



Not everything you are told is what it is! A memorable moment on August 7, 2016. If you missed this, ask Eric.

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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