

Nov/Dec 2016

Valmont VINTAGE

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Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



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Pastor Eric

Prior to moving to Boulder, I had never experienced a *white Christmas*. All throughout my formative, childhood years it felt as though I had been missing out. So many Christmas carols seemed to suggest that snow and ice and cold were essential to truly experiencing the spirit of the holiday. And yet, year after year, I could reasonably go about December the 25th in shorts and t-shirt. *Bah humbug!*

As silly as all of that may sound, it's surprising how much we've come to associate with the meaning of Christmas that is entirely secondary. Things that were once window-dressing have become our focus. Nostalgia, sentimentality, and aesthetics have clouded our judgment...

well, at least they've clouded mine. Sometimes I think that I want more of a feeling from Christmas than an arrival. I desire merriment over transformation.

And yet, as we approach Advent and Christmas, we are not presented with a snowy European (or Coloradan) landscape, but rather a land aching under foreign dominion. We don't find merriment, but rather fear and anger tempered by desire and hope. We don't find pleasant Christmas cards with holiday niceties, but angelic proclamations about deliverance and justice.

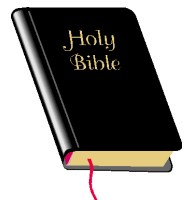
I don't know about you, but I think I need the Biblical Christmas more right now than my sentimental longings. I need the penitent season of Advent to prepare myself for a King who is coming rescue and put things right — I need to place my trust and hope in his kingdom rather than in any other system that demands my allegiance. I don't need snow or Sugar Plum Fairies; I need Jesus.

I pray that as we enter into this hallowed season with one another that we will consider just how dramatically we need our coming King. It is alright to experience the expectancy of Advent and the joy of

Christmas through cherished songs and long-held traditions, but we cannot allow for them to obscure the fact that this is a season of welcoming our King into this world with a realization that he comes to change hearts and minds, systems and powers, and the very way this world is run.

Let's prepare ourselves for our King.

In Christ,
Eric



Ask a friend to join you.

You Have A Friend At Valmont!

Sunday School:

9am

Worship Service:

10:30

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Stella Pradeau

Calendar

11/1 - Worship Team 10:00am

11/6 - Worship 10:30am,
Daylight Saving Time Ends,
Potluck Following Worship

11/8 - Round Pantry 2:00pm

11/13 - Worship 10:30am

11/14 - Deacons 7:30pm

11/15 - Session 5:30pm

11/20 - Christ the King Sunday, Worship at 10:30am,
Communion, Annual Meeting at 11:30am,
Hanging of the Greens

11/22 - Round Pantry 2:00pm

11/23 - Community Thanksgiving Service at 7:00pm

11/24 - Thanksgiving

11/27 - Worship Advent Begins 10:30am,

12/4 - Worship 10:30am

12/6 - Worship Team 10:00am

12/11 - Worship 10:30am

12/12 - Deacons 7:30pm

12/13 - Round Pantry 2:00pm

12/18 - Worship Communion 10:30pm,

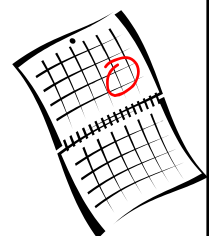
12/20 - Session 5:30pm

12/24 - Christmas Eve 7:00pm

12/25 - Worship Christmas 10:30am,

12/25-1/4 - Eric Out of Town

12/27 - Round Pantry 2:00pm



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

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

New Members!

On October 30, Valmont Presbyterian Church will welcome into membership Alla Miller, Margaret (Peggy) Moore, Adrian Shin, Pearline Toney, and Janet Zacharisen. Also being recognized are Doug and Karen Myers who joined late last year.



Six Ethics of Life

Before you speak - Listen
Before you spend - Earn
Before you write - Think
Before you quit - Try
Before you Die - Live
And always pray to the Lord.

Pig Roasts and Potlucks

Hawaiian Mandarin Orange Cake from Marlene's kitchen

Ingredients:

- ♦ 1 box Yellow cake mix
- ♦ 1/2 cup of oil (I use canola)
- * 3 eggs
- * 1 can (11 oz.) Mandarin oranges including juice



Instructions:

Combine all ingredients & mix about 2-3 minutes (low speed) you can mix by hand IGNORE CAKE MIX DIRECTIONS. Bake in 9x13 greased pan at 350 for about 30 minutes. Cool cake

Frosting: 1 small box INSTANT vanilla pudding

1 small can crushed pineapple with juice (I have used 1/2 large can) Mix this together quickly and smoothly 1- 8 or 9 oz. container of Cool Whip and fold into the pineapple mix. Spread on cooled cake just as you would icing . May sprinkle coconut on top if you like it.



Mini Ham and Swiss Party Rolls From Debbie G's kitchen

Prep: 10 mins

Cook: 20 mins

Serves: 6

Ingredients:

- ♦ 1 package King's Hawaiian Rolls, 12 Count
- ♦ 5 slices Swiss Cheese
- ♦ 1/2 tp Worcestershire Sauce
- ♦ 1-1/2 tp Onion powder
- * 1/2 lb Sliced Ham
- * 1/2 C Melted Butter
- * 1/2 tp Dry Mustard
- * 1 TB Poppy Seed

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 F.

When you remove the package, the rolls will look like a large solid piece of bread. Leave the rolls intact and slice the loaf in half with a long knife to form a top layer and a bottom layer.

Place ham and cheese on the bottom layer of rolls, then place top layer of rolls over the ham and cheese and place in a 9x13 pan. Mix remaining ingredients together and pour mixture over rolls.

Bake at 350 F for 15 to 20 minutes. Let them cool slightly before cutting. Can be reheated.



Cleanup at Valmont Fall of 2016



The church cleanup on Oct 15 was a great success. We had a fantastic crew of 15: Eric, Don, Ruth, Phil, Alla, Roman, Ruth T, Dave, Adam, Stephen, Dottyanne, Amram (Iglesia Church), Mike P (Lewis' grandson in-law), Deb G and Mike G (Hope I didn't miss anyone). The following items were most of the projects addressed on Saturday:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caulk and prime outside trim. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paint outside trim |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dig drainage for parking lot. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sweep the building free of cobwebs. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caulk and repaint 4 painted outside doors. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rake and pickup lawn area. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wash outside windows and clean screens | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remove and store any damaged screens. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Winterize church garden watering system. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tree trimming around building. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spray for hornets. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seal electric box – 3" to 4" plate. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clean gutters. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Replace a couple edging stacks. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Replace shed ramp. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fix carpet snags. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Start installation camera/security system | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Install door bell linking front doors to office. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wash inside windows. | |



The Iglesia church has asked for additional projects for them to do a little later. They will be finishing the trim painting, door painting, cleaning tables and window washing.

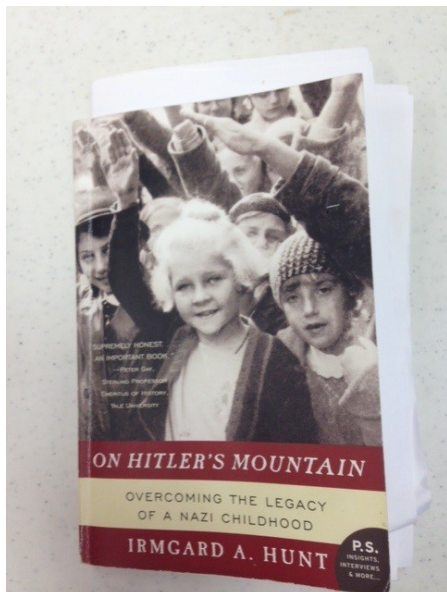
Phil is continuing to work on the camera system. The system and three cameras were finished on Saturday with an additional 5 cameras to be installed around the building.

Some of the projects that did not get done if you would like to work on them:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean and organize kitchen. | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean and organize fellowship storage. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean and organize cave. | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean and organize classroom. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Replace/repair pew connector. | <input type="checkbox"/> Oil the doors and pews. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean the offices. | <input type="checkbox"/> Curtain for office window to the Sanctuary (Select color, measure, purchase and install). |

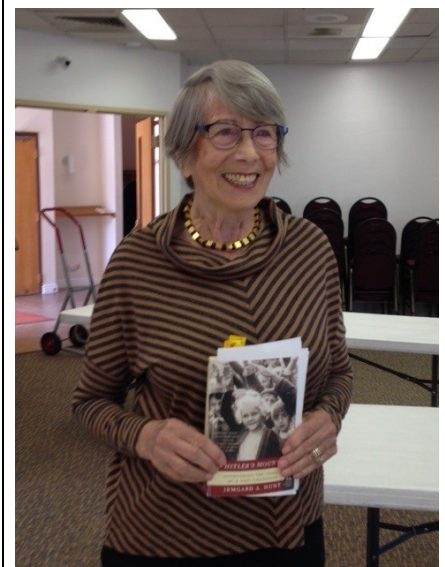


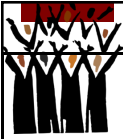
Mike



Berlin Airlift

On Sunday, October 23 Hugh "Mac" McGinty spoke briefly about his involvement with the Berlin Airlift, and then presented a documentary on this massive humanitarian effort. Following the presentation we were graced by the presence of Irmgard A. Hunt, the author of *On Hitler's Mountain: Overcoming the Legacy of a Nazi Childhood*. Hunt shared briefly about her experience of growing up in Nazi Germany, and the importance of the Berlin Airlift for winning the hearts and the minds of the German people following WWII.





Cantabile invites you to join us for our season opening November concert ***Choral Heritage of the United States***. Cantabile performs this concert in Estes Park on November 6, as the winter season opener of the [Estes Park Music Festival](#), and in Boulder on November 13 at First Congregational Church.

In honor of Election Day, Cantabile brings you a performance that looks back on the culture and traditions of the United States through its choral music history. The repertoire will span our country's choral heritage, and includes William Billings' 1770 patriotic anthem *Chester*, choral music composed from and inspired by Native North American traditions, and arrangements of numerous folk songs and spirituals that highlight the cultural diversity of our country's population.

We hope you'll join us for a musical break from the debate and intense rhetoric of the election season to enjoy a snapshot of the United States choral heritage. [Tickets are on sale now](#) at our website: cantabilesingers.org



Meet our New Accompanist: *Stella Pradeau*

Let me begin by saying thank you! Thank you for your warm reception, your kind smiles and words, and all your positive feedback. I am enjoying my new position at VCP very much; it is a joy to work with Pastor Eric and Madoka--both of whom have been very supportive and helpful. I look forward to getting to know all of you better in the months to come. Please don't hesitate to come and introduce yourselves so I can get to know you.

I'd like to share some information about my background. I was born and raised in rural Arkansas. My parents like to share the story that within my first week of life, I was in the church. My father was always whistling or strumming his guitar and singing a song--usually gospel. I began to study piano with a local church pianist at age 9 and by 14, I was the accompanist in our small Baptist church. Once I left for University studies, as a performance major at UARK, I didn't regularly accompany at a church again.....until now! In a strange way, coming to VCP on Sunday morning really feels like coming "home" and I'm delighting in re-discovering the hymns of my childhood.

For graduate work, my husband and I (as newlyweds) moved to Boulder so I could study at CU. We've never left the Boulder area. Francois (yes, he's French) works as computer scientist at Oracle. I teach private students, work with Cantabile (a local choir) and the Boulder Children's Chorale. We have three amazing daughters, Chloe, Clara and Lily and live in Louisville. Oh, and I can't leave out my sweet little dog, Scooter.

The I AM of All "I AMS "



"Do you know the Name of God?" asked the teacher.

" I don't know that I do."

It's made up of four Hebrew letters, the yud, the heh, the vav, and the heh: YHWH. It's the most sacred of names, so sacred some refuse to say it. And yet you say it all the time "

"The sacred Name of God?" I replied. "How could I when never knew it?"

"When you speak of yourself, you say the Name."

"I don't understand."

"When you feel happy, you say, " I am happy." And when you're not, you say " I am sad." When you tell others who you are, you say, " I am" followed by your name.

" YHWH means " I AM. " It's the Name of the Eternal, the Name of God. His Name is I Am.

" Then we all say His Name."

" Yes. And you have always said it. It is woven into the fabric of existence that when you speak of yourself, you must say His Name."

" Why is that?"

"It's because your existence comes from His existence. He is the I Am of all existence.....the I Am of all I ams. Your I am only exists because of His I Am. And as you exist from Him, so it is only from Him that you can find the reason and purpose of your existence. Therefore, when you say your name, you must always speak His Name. And you must always speak His Name first."

" Because....."

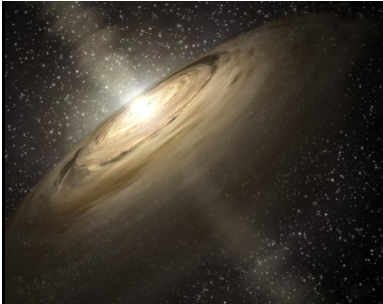
" Because His existence is first and your existence flows forth from His. That's the flow of existence. Therefore, you must put Him first and then let everything flow from that. Let everything begin with Him and flow forth from Him. That's the secret of life. To not only live for Him, but to live your life from Him, to live from His living, to move from His moving, to act from His actions, to feel from His heart, to be from His being, and to become who you are from who he is.....I am."

RENOVATION ACTION COMMITTEE !

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 **Sept 30, 2016 is \$8,525.39**. Please pray for this committee to guide them in the Lord's will. If you have any ideas, please contact a committee member.

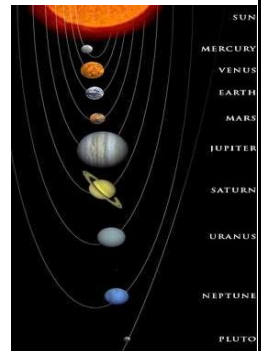


Valmont Amateur Astronomy Group (VAAG)



Valmont Amateur Astronomy Group (VAAG), held a very successful Star Party on October 1. About 30 people attended the perfect weather event at various times of observation. The event was billed as a "Messier Half Marathon". Charles Messier was an 18th century comet hunter who started his quest to find new comets after Edmund Halley successfully predicted the return of the comet that now bears his name. In his search, Messier cataloged 110 objects for his records to designate objects that were not comets. His list has since become 110 top objects to view. Messier marathons typically occur in March and April where all 110 objects can be viewed in a single evening. Our "Half-Marathon" sought to spot 55 of the celestial bodies in an evening. We did not quite meet our goal of 55 objects, but we did have successful verification of 45 of the stellar delights. Among the favorite celestial bodies observed were M11, the "Wild Duck Cluster", M57, the "Ring Nebula" and the "Great Globular Cluster in Hercules", M13.

All who attended enjoyed the clear skies, warm temperature and heavenly bodies. We intend to have more Star Parties in 2017, starting with the other half of our Messier Marathon in March or April. This event will feature dozens of galaxies in the constellation Virgo (the Virgo Super Cluster), as well as planets in our own solar system. Additionally, with a total solar eclipse passing just north of us in 2017, we are planning a road-trip to see the rare solar event. People interested in joining our mailing list or wish more information, please write boulder.vaag@gmail.com, or contact Scott Starin at 303-882-0521.



Romans 12:21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

News from the Deacons

Deacons' Basket : **November** – Covenant Youth of Alaska (CYAK)
December – Giving Tree (Attention Homes)





HIGHLANDS HIGHLIGHTS

Highlands – A Sanctuary for the Spirit, a School for the Mind,

Mark your calendar!!! December 3rd will be the annual Highlands Christmas Party and Auction. 2016 marks the 70th anniversary of Highlands and will wrap up with this party. We hope that you will join us for appetizers and desserts, as well as helping to celebrate volunteers who are so important to Highlands. There will be an auction of beautiful handmade items. If you wish to share your talents by donating handmade items for the auction, please contact Maria Shupe at maria@highlandscamp.org. We are so grateful for the many ways people share their gifts at Highlands!!! If you can attend this event, RSVP by calling Highlands at 303-747-2888.

To date Highlands has received over \$78,000 towards the \$100,000 matching grant. This gift from the Presbytery of Plains and Peaks will help us to meet our interest payments and exceed the minimum principal payment by the end of the year. Many gifts, large and small, have made this possible, and we look forward to completing this challenge!

Highlands has also received notice from the estate of Helen Kreek, a member of 1st Presbyterian Church in Boulder, that a significant gift has been left to Highlands. With this gift, Helen will become a member of the Hollars Society.

Fall has been a very busy time at Highlands with many guest groups. The weather has been great with beautiful trees and very blue skies. The moose family and a bobcat and been seen on the grounds. Blessings!! Ruth Lewis



Herb Johnson— A remembrance by Marlene Brining



Among the great cloud of witnesses spoken of in Hebrews 12 now abides our friend, Herb Johnson. There was never a more devoted, loving, and powerful witness for Christ in my memory than Herb Johnson. When Don and I moved to Boulder, CO. from Columbus, OH. in 1974, Herb and Charlotte Johnson were the first to visit us in our camper from the Valmont Presbyterian Church then located on Indian Rd.. What a blessing they were in our lives through the following years.

Herb was at that time teaching Mechanical Engineer at the University of Colorado and was serving in many community Christian ministries as well as being an elder and Session member at Valmont.

Many of us volunteered at Highlands Camp and other events so Herb was always quick to offer the services of "The Moose", his 4 wheel drive vehicle, to transport young people and anyone else willing to go with him. What fun that was !! One could not forget receiving one of Herb's handwritten birthday or Christmas greetings; they were treasures to keep so precise and eloquently written in praise to our Lord.

Herb was a great advocate for Joni Erickson Tada's wheel chair ministry; he and Charlotte provided many a wheelchair for any in need of one. Even in his last few years he pushed patients around in their wheelchairs at the Sheridan VA Medical Center. He was, and still is (this being one of his last wishes) a great supporter of the Jesus Film Project. He would like any remembrances for him to go to this project.

When he and Charlotte moved to Sheridan WYO. in 1999 many were saddened because they were sorely missed. Joy Keeter and I believe Herb Johnson epitomized the word "gentleman". He was a pure and true gentle man for Christ. He is still loved.

Herb is survived by one brother, four children and their respective spouses, three grandchildren, and one great grandchild. He is also survived by a host of loving friends.

Eric's Preaching Schedule

Date	Primary Text	Title	Series	Church Calendar
Nov 6	Philippians 3:12-4:1	Working for the Kingdom	Christians in America	
Nov 13	2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2	Reconciling All Things	Christians in America	
Nov 20	John 18:33-40, 19:15-16 1 Samuel 8:4-9, 19-22	Service Cancelled For Revolutionary Cell Meeting		Christ the King / Communion
Nov 27	Matthew 1:18-25 Isaiah 53:4-6, 10-12	A Captive's Ransom	O Come, Emmanuel	First Sunday of Advent
Dec 4	Luke 1:67-79 Malachi 4:1-6	A Sunrise Over Death	O Come, Emmanuel	
Dec 11	Matthew 2:1-12 Jeremiah 21:15-19	A Wise Path	O Come, Emmanuel	
Dec 18	Luke 2:22-32 Isaiah 49:1-7	A Quarrel's Resolution	O Come, Emmanuel	Communion
Dec 25	John 3:16-21	Divine Imagination	[one off]	First Sunday of Christmas

Adult Ed. — Simply Jesus

Date	Chapters	Biblical Passages
10/2/16	"A Very Odd Sort of King" "The Three Puzzles"	Luke 19:28-48
10/9/16	"The Perfect Storm" "The Making of a First-Century Storm"	Matthew 8:23-27 Luke 2:1-7
10/16/16	"The Hurricane"	Psalms 145
10/23/16	"God's in Charge Now" "The Campaign Starts Here"	Luke 15
10/30/16	"Stories that Explain and a Message That Transforms"	Mark 4:1-20
11/6/16	"The Kingdom Present and Future" "Battle and Temple"	Daniel 7:9-14
11/13/16	"Space, Time, and Matter"	Ezekiel 47:1-12
11/27/16	"At the Heart of the Storm"	Isaiah 40
12/4/16	"Why Did the Messiah Have to Die?"	John 19
12/11/16	"Under New Management: Easter and Beyond"	Romans 8
12/18/16	"Jesus: The Ruler of the World"	Philippians 2:5-11

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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