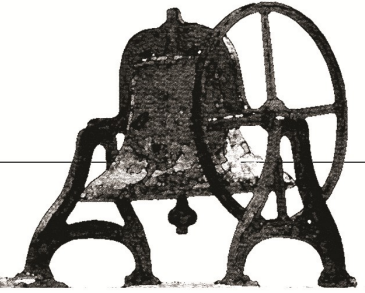


Mar/Apr 2017



Valmont

VINTAGE



CELEBRATING *150 years* OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS!



Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



Pastor Eric

"You shall be holy, for I am holy." (1 Peter 1:16 referencing Lev. 20:26)

"Be perfect, therefore, as your Heavenly Father is perfect." (Matt. 5:48)

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Luke 6:36)

Perhaps there is more no challenging train of thought than these three obviously related verses. We squirm under the divine call to be holy or perfect like God. How can we endure it? We might consider them impossibilities — merely ideals for which we are to strive without any hope of ever attaining.

Perhaps we then turn our attention to mercy. Surely we can learn to be merciful, as we are, after all, wronged regularly enough to practice that virtue. Unfortunately, I think that our regular experience with being hurt often makes us aware of just how difficult it is to practice mercy — at times it feels like an impossibility.

How can we hope to forgive people who've committed great evil against us? What about people who do not make amends for their wrongdoing? Can we forgive someone after they've died? Can we forgive ourselves for the wrongs we've done? Is forgiveness the same as forgetting? Is forgiveness possible?

None of these questions have easy answers, but they do help to highlight the relationship between mercy and perfection. God's mercy is intimately connected with God's holiness and perfection. It is as Jesus is being revealed as God's Son on the cross that he unbelievably utters: "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34).

And so, throughout our Lenten journey to Easter — when we hear this Divine word of mercy spoken — we will be considering our troubled relationship with forgiveness. I hope that this series of sermons will not end with their simply being heard during our times of worship, but rather that we will all take on the hard work of forgiving as we have been forgiven. Let us strive together to follow after Christ in this harrowing (and liberating) work.

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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Calendar

2/28 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm

3/1 - Ash Wednesday, Dinner at 6 pm, Service at 7pm

3/7 - Worship Team at 10:00am

3/12 - Potluck Following Service, Daylight Savings Begins

3/14 - Deacons at 10:00am, Round Pantry at 2:00pm

3/19 - Communion Sunday

3/21 - Session at 5:45pm

3/22 - Mid-Lenten Worship Service at 7:00pm

3/26—A visit from Bruce Hoelter from Thrivent Financial

3/28 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm

4/4 - Worship Team at 10:00am

4/9 - Palm Sunday

4/11 - Deacons at 10:00am, Round Pantry at 2:00pm

4/13 - Maundy Thursday, Midday Communion Service at 12:15pm

4/14 - Good Friday, Tenebrae Service at 7:00pm

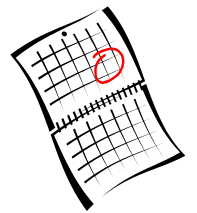
4/15 - Preparing for Easter at 10:00am

4/16 - Easter Sunday, Sunrise Service at 6:15am,
Breakfast Following Service, Worship at 10:30am

4/18 - Session at 5:45pm

4/25 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm

4/30 - Fifth Sunday Service with Boulder County Care Connect 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

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



Pig Roasts and Potlucks

Hawaiian Mandarin Orange Cake—from the kitchen Marlene Brining

Ingredients

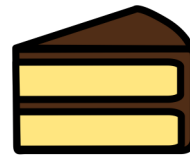
- ♦ 1 box Yellow cake mix
- ♦ 1/2 cup of oil (I use canola)
- * 3 eggs
- * 1 can (11 oz.) Mandarin oranges including juice



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 min.
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.

Black Bean & Sweet Potato Chili—from the kitchen of Dottyanne



Ingredients

- ♦ 2 tbsp Olive oil
- ♦ 1 Bell pepper, green -- chopped
- ♦ 3 large cloves Garlic - minced (2 tbsp)
- ♦ 1-2 tsp Sea salt
- ♦ 1/4-1/2 tsp Marjoram, dried
- ♦ 2 cans Broth (Veg, Chicken or Beef) -- (28 oz.)
- ♦ Lime juice to taste
- * 2 Onions -- chopped
- * 1 Jalapeño -- diced
- * 1-2 tsp Cumin, ground
- * 1 Bay Leaf
- * Cilantro -- chopped
- * 1 Bell pepper, red -- chopped
- * 2 Sweet Potatoes, Medium -- diced
- * 2-3 tbsp Chili Powder
- * 1-2 tsp Basil, Dried
- * 1 can Tomatoes, Canned -- diced (14.5 oz.)
- * 2 cans Black beans rinsed & drained -30 oz
- * Green onion -- sliced

Instructions

Heat oil in heavy large saucepan or dutch oven over medium-high heat; add onion. Reduce heat to medium, and cook, stirring occasionally, about 10 to 15 minutes or until tender.

Add bell peppers, jalapeño and sweet potato; cook 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in garlic and cook about 1 minute. Add chili powder and next 7 ingredients; stir and cook 1 minute. Add tomatoes and broth. Simmer uncovered about 30 minutes.

Stir in beans and continue to cook 10 minutes. remove bay leaf. Stir in lime juice. Garnish with sour cream, and cilantro or green onion, if desired. Makes approximately 2 quarts. May be served over rice or grilled chicken breasts.



2017 Work Mission Trip Possibilities



Dennis and Nancy Hurianek are leading another mission trip to Oklahoma again this year. They have two dates as possibilities, May 1-5 and May 15-20. They will be making a determination of which trip to do on March 3, so you will need to make plans soon and get your vote into them (dnhuri@msn.com). Costs will be split among all the participants and most likely will be under \$200. We'll be carpooling (it's a full day drive each way). I can forward the detailed email they sent if you are interested.



We will be working in the same area as we did last year, the Ardmore/Kingston OK area. This area suffered from a couple of devastating floods and numerous families were left with homes that had been damaged by the floodwaters. We will be working with UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) which is in charge of the volunteer rebuild work in the area



We will be staying at the same church camp that we did last year, Cross Point Camp. This is a wonderful Methodist camp on the banks of Lake Texoma. We will be staying in cabins which were updated last year with two-by-four framed beds and bunks with thick foam mattresses. Meals are provided by the camp and they were actually quite good. There will be separate cabins for the men and women and both have bathrooms and showers.

How can you get involved? Consider coming with the team, no experience is needed. Last year, we had a retired woman who came only because her husband wanted to volunteer. She wasn't sure what she would do. We introduced her to the power drills and by the end of the week she claimed she was "Rosie the Riveter". There are several of people on our team who are very knowledgeable about construction and are excellent teachers. I have learned so much working on these trips.



Perhaps you can't take a week off, but can help us financially. Every year we've discovered unmet monetary needs with the families we've been assisting. Last year, Mr. Robinson the elderly veteran whose home we worked on had exhausted his funds and had no money left to purchase carpet to allow him to finish his house. Valmont's funds were used to help purchase this carpet.



Last and most importantly pray for us and the families we will be helping. These families will have been without their homes for a couple of years by now and will be anxious to return home.

If you have any questions, feel free to talk to Cheryl.

Mark your Calendars

On March 26th Valmont will be visited by Bruce Hoelter from Thrivent Financial. He will both present our musical offering during worship as well as offer a discussion of how to use our resources wisely for God's Kingdom following our worship service.





A Member Highlight

Alla Miller is another member who joined Valmont Church in 2016. She was married to Phil Miller in 2015. Originally from Russia, she attends classes to improve her English skills. She has been trained as a hair stylist. Alla has joined the choir. She also volunteers at the Round Pantry and visits special friends with the flower deliveries. She has one daughter, Victoria, who lives in Longmont. Alla is a warm affectionate person with a nice smile.

Pearline Toney was drawn to Valmont Church because she saw a “small, friendly, family-like” church. She is now retired from many years with the school district. Before that she worked as an accountant. She was a dear friend of Nancy Gonacha; they had known each other at another church. She has joined Women’s Association, is a member of the 2017 personnel committee, and is the volunteer kitchen coordinator. She joined in 2016.

Stella Mae Montgomery joined Valmont Church when she was eighteen. She was born in Golden, moved to Boulder when she was a child, attended Valmont School—across the road—grades 3 through 8, Casey Junior High and Boulder High School. When she was a child she walked to school and to Sunday School. She had belonged to a 4-H club with Geneva Andrus, a longtime member of Valmont, as her first leader. Stella Mae has been ordained and served as both an Elder and a Deacon. She has also been a Sunday School teacher. She sings in the choir and is a member of Women’s Association.

Submitted by Ella



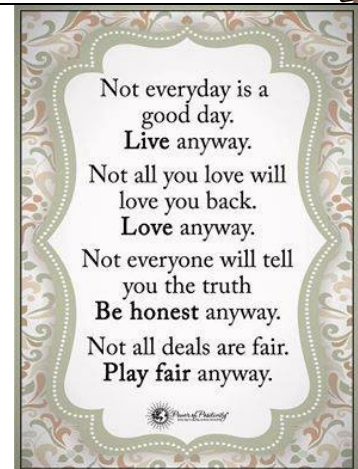
Women's Association news:

We're studying "He Chose the Nails" by Max Lucado which uses both humor and Scripture to point out the blessings we receive because of Jesus & the Cross,

We have agreed to furnish a meal for Chase House, part of Attention Homes, in 3rd Tuesday of each month. We will be notified a few days in advance how many to prepare for, but is usually between 5-9. If you'd like to help prepare the food, please talk to either Pearline or Cindy.



A tomb in Jerusalem that is considered a possible site of Jesus's burial. Photo provided by Dave.



Flower at Service

If anyone would like to take flowers home after Worship, please ask Cindy. If they have not already been spoken for, you will be welcome to them.



RENOVATION ACTION COMMITTEE !

RAC group consists of Ruth T, Marlene, Cindy and Deb G. Mike is the Property committee's representative in the group. **The funds raised is over \$12,500.** Look for fundraising opportunities to be announced soon!



Please pray for this committee to guide them in the Lord's will. If you have any ideas, please contact a committee member.



GIFT CARD MINISTRY

Did you know that gift cards are an important part of the ministry here at Valmont. The proceeds from the gift card sales are used to augment the finances used by the deacons and some other projects. Even if you do not shop at Safeway, all of the gift cards available at the Safeway "Gift Card Mall" are available to you including the following and more: (and many more)

Applebees	Home Depot	AMC Movies	iTunes	J C Penny
Amazon	Babies R Us	Kohls	Barns and Noble	Lowe's
Bed Bath & Beyond		Norstrom	Best Buy	Pizza Hut
Cabellas	Petsmart	Chili's	PEI	Denny's
Red Lobster	Dominoes	Safeway	EBay	Sears
Game Shop	Starbucks	Google Play	Target	GAP
Toys R Us				



The church purchases Safeway and King Soopers cards at a 5% discount and sells them to you at face value. Gift cards are easier to use than either cash or credit cards. We only accept cash and checks for the purchases. If you are willing to help by selling the cards to your relatives or neighbors let me know and I will explain how to do it. We buy all of our gasoline using these cards and it seems we use a lot. Most of the newer Safeway and King Soopers stores have these gas stations. We seem to eat out a lot too. So we buy gift cards for the restaurants we use the most. Do you purchase on Amazon, use an Amazon gift card! Fixing up the house?, use Home Depot or Lowe's.



There are many more card types available than I could list here. Check the pictures.

Thank you, Don Lewis



HIGHLANDS HIGHLIGHTS

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

The annual Mount Meeker dinner is scheduled for March 12th. This dinner is to celebrate the individuals and congregations who support the ministry of Highlands. Helen Kreek, The Presbytery of Plains and Peaks, The Denver Presbytery and the United Church of the Plains in Dalton, NE. will be honored for their unique contributions to Highlands.

Brochures are available in the office for summer camps. Online registration and camp information is available at www.highlandscamp.org. A new arts camp is being offered this year. This is a weekend of art for adults who would like to explore Precious Metal Clay, Water Color and Fused Glass. This will be held October 20-22. This event is intentionally limited to a small group of people to allow lots of instructional support for each participant. Highlands is in the process of hiring camp counselors and kitchen assistants for the summer. If you know of anyone looking for a summer job, have them call Highlands.

The Presbytery of Plains and Peaks has announced a matching grant for 2017 in the amount of \$35,000. Donations made towards debt reduction will be matched. We appreciate all of the staff, the supporters and volunteers who keep Highlands running!!

Blessings!! Ruth Lewis



News from the Deacons

Caring Basket



Jan. Attention Homes	Feb. Round Pantry	Mar. Bags of Grace
Apr. PDA Project	May Round Pantry	June Bags of Grace
Jul. Family Learning Center	Aug. Round Pantry	Sep. Bags of Grace
Oct. Operation Christmas Child	Nov. CYAK	Dec. Attention Homes Giving Tree

Hand Bell Choir and Summer Music

Hello Valmont family! As we reach Lent and Easter, the music scene is getting busier and richer. Here are some invitations for you to join making the joyful noise with us!



1. Hand bell choir for Good Friday (4/14@7) and/or Easter service (4/16@10:30)

2. Summer special music offer - as choir gets the summer off, we'd like to pass the opportunity to any music lover who'd like to share their talents! Both Instrumental and vocal performances are welcome.



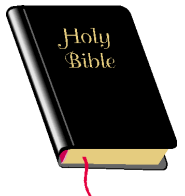
Please contact Madoka if you are interested, have recommendations, or have any questions!

Eric's Preaching Schedule

Date	Primary Text	Secondary Text	Title	Series	Church Calendar
Jan 8	Isaiah 60:1-6	Ephesians 3:1-12	Spoiler Alert	[One Off]	Epiphany Sunday
Jan 15	Matthew 3:1-17		Righteous Conundrums	Epiphany	Communion
Jan 22	Matthew 4:1-11		The Grand Inquisitor	Epiphany	
Jan 29			[Fifth Sunday]	[Fifth Sunday]	
Feb 5	Matthew 4:12-25		Popular with Losers	Epiphany	
Feb 12	Matthew 8:5-13	Isaiah 58:1-12	Marching Orders	Epiphany	
Feb 19	Matthew 17:1-13		Lost in the Cloud	Epiphany	Communion
Feb 26	Psalms 137:1-9	Matthew 19:23-26	Is Forgiveness Possible / God of the Possible	Forgiveness	Transfiguration
Mar 5	Galatians 2:15-21	Colossians 3:12-17	Forgiveness in Christ	Forgiveness	First Sunday of Lent
Mar 12	Matthew 18:21-22	2 Corinthians 2:5-11	Forgiving the Family	Forgiveness	Daylight Savings
Mar 19	Matthew 5:21-24, 43-48; 6:14-15	Luke 23:33-34	Forgiving the Neighbor	Forgiveness	Communion
Mar 26	Revelation 21:1-7		Wiping Away Every Tear	Forgiveness	
Apr 2					
Apr 9	John		Palm Sunday		Palm Sunday
Apr 16			Easter		Easter
Apr 23	Ruth 1:1-22		A Bitter Conversion	Ruth	
Apr 30			[Fifth Sunday]	[Fifth Sunday]	

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Date	Reading	Chapter	Biblical Passages
2/26/17	"How Should We Give"	2	Psalms 137:1-9; Matthew 19:23-26
3/5/17	"How Can We Give?"	3	Galatians 2:15-21; Colossians 3:12-17
3/12/17	"God the Forgiver"	4	Matthew 18:21-22; 2 Corinthians 2:5-11
	Interlude: Daniel's Death (Optional);		
3/19/17	"How Should We Forgive"	5	Matthew 5:21-24, 43-48; 6:14-15
3/26/17	"How Can We Forgive"	6	Revelation 21:1-7
4/2/17	"Postlude: A Conversation with a Skeptic"	"Afterword"	



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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