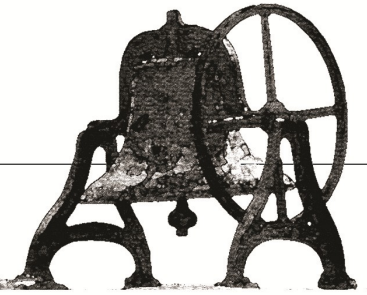


May/June 2017



Valmont

VINTAGE



CELEBRATING *150 years* OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS!



Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



Pastor Eric

"On the subject of pilgrimages, Gregory of Nysa says most excellently: 'You do not come closer to God by changing your place.' Oh no, it is all too clear that this is done only by changing yourself."
— Soren Kierkegaard

Here we stand on the Resurrection-side of Easter. We are asked to believe that Jesus Christ is raised from the dead, is Lord, and is offering life in his name. We can have confidence that all of the promises of God find their "yes" in Jesus because of his Resurrection.

We have a down-payment of these promises in the gift of the Spirit for the Church. Yet at the same time we are left asking: *Now what? What happens next? What are we supposed to do after we believe?*

Some have thought that we simply bide our time until we die or Christ comes again, maybe cultivating a life of personal piety in the meantime. Some think that we need to convince as many people to believe as possible before it's our time to go. Others hold that we ought to dedicate ourselves to social action within the world.

Certain elements of all of these claims might bring us to some approximation of how we're to live after we believe, which I might sum up as *living the Christ-life*. This is establishing God's will on earth as it is in heaven.

But what does that look like?

Well, over the next few months we'll be conducting two character studies of individuals who found themselves confronted by God, and needed to discern how to respond: Ruth and Nicodemus. Perhaps as we consider their lives, we might get a little closer to God as we look at how God is inviting us to change ourselves; to live into the *Christ-life* begun in Jesus.

In Christ, Eric

Ask a friend to join you.

You Have A Friend At Valmont!

Starting June 4:

**No Sunday School
Worship Service:**

9:30

3262 N. 61st Street,
Boulder

(61st Street & Valmont Road)

303-442-2135

www.ValmontChurch.org

Bulletin Board

Elders:

Ruth Lewis

Cheryl Craig

Doug Myers

Scott Starin

Clerk of Session:

Joyce Glazer

Deacons:

Don Lewis

Cindy Sexton

Ruth Tisdale

Treasurer:

Ruth Lewis

Church Administrator: *Ella Travis*

Choir/Worship Director:

Madoka Asari

Accompanist:

Stella Pradeau

Calendar

5/2 - Worship Team at 10:00am

5/6 - Presbytery Westminster Presbyterian Church in Fort Collins

5/7 - Worship at 10:30am

5/8 - Deacons at 10:00am, Round Pantry at 2:00pm

5/14-5/20 - PDA Trip

5/14 - Worship at 10:30am, Mother's Day

5/20 - Benefit Concert at 3:00pm

5/21 - Worship at 10:30am, Communion

5/23 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm, Session at 5:45pm

6/4 - Worship at 9:30am (Summer Schedule Begins)

6/6 - Worship Team at 10:30am

6/11 - Worship at 9:30am

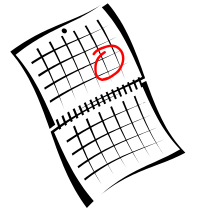
6/13 - Deacons at 10:00am, Round Pantry at 2:00pm

6/18 - Worship at 9:30am, Communion, Father's Day

6/20 - Session at 5:45pm

6/25 - Worship at 9:30am, Outdoor Service

6/27 - Round Pantry at 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 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



Pig Roasts and Potlucks

Betty's Peanut Butter Cups From the kitchen of Cindy

- ♦ 1 pkg. graham crackers (1/2 C. crumbs) * 1 # powdered sugar * 1 C. butter
- ♦ 1 C. peanut butter * 12 oz. chocolate chips

Combine all ingredients, except chocolate chips & press into 9" x 13" pan

Melt chocolate chips & spread over top. Let cool & cut into squares.



Cheese Crispies From Elaine kitchen

Prep: 15 minutes plus chilling,

Bake: 15 min./Batch,

Makes: About 4 1/2 Dozen

- ♦ 1 cup unsalted butter, softened * 2 cups all-purpose flour
- ♦ 2 1/2 cups shredded extra-sharp cheddar cheese (10 oz.) * 3/4 tsp. salt
- ♦ 1/2 tsp cayenne pepper * 2 1/2 cups Rice Krispies
- ♦ Pecan halve, optional



1. In a large bowl, beat butter and cheddar cheese until blended. In another bowl, whisk flour, salt and cayenne; gradually beat into cheese mixture. Stir in Rice Krispies. If necessary, turn onto a lightly floured surface and knead 4-6 time, forming a stiff dough.

2. Divide dough in half; shape each into a 7-in. long roll. Wrap in plastic wrap; refrigerate 1 hour or overnight.

3. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Unwrap and cut dough crosswise into 1/4-in. slices. Place 1 in. apart on ungreased baking sheets. If desired, top each slice with a pecan half. Bake 14-16 minutes or until the edges are golden brown. Remove crackers from pans to wire racks to cool.

To Make Ahead Dough can be made up to 2 days in advance

Freeze Option Freeze wrapped logs in a resealable plastic freezer bag. To use, unwrap frozen logs and cut into slices. Bake as directed.

Per Cracker - 73 calories, 2 grams of protein



Rhubarb Crisp —from the kitchen of Don Lewis

Ingredients

- ♦ 3 cup rhubarb cut into 1/2 inch pieces * 1 1/2 c white sugar
- ♦ 1/2 c brown sugar * 1/4 tsp cinnamon
- ♦ 1/4 tsp salt * 1/2 c butter
- ♦ 2 eggs * 3/4 c flour



Instructions

8 in square baking dish, buttered. Boil 3 quarts of water.

Remove from heat. Place rhubarb in and let stand 10 minutes.

Beat egg yolks until creamy. Add white sugar and beat until thick. Add cinnamon and salt.

Beat egg whites until stiff. Add cinnamon, salt and egg mixtures together. Mix drained rhubarb and mixture together. Pour mixture into the buttered baking dish. Mix brown sugar, flour and butter until crumbly.

Spread over top of rhubarb mixture.

Bake @ 350 for 30 minutes.

God's Winter Wonder

Photos by Eric



The Valmont Women's Association is recognized by Attention Homes as the Volunteer Organization of the Year

Assembling Bags of Grace



Attention Homes

When Alex Bergland from Attention Homes spoke to our congregation, she mentioned that one of their needs is to have an evening meal for the residents at Chase House, so we've started providing one meal a month, on the 3rd Tuesday—and this will continue throughout the year, as teenagers seem to get hungry in the summertime as well as other times. Pearline posted some sample menus on the bulletin board, but don't feel confined to them. If you have a specialty that you would prefer to fix, go for it—just NOT a pasta dish, as they get many of those. No need to make a dessert as that is the same day we furnish cookies, so the kids can have some of them. We always know by the previous Friday how many to prepare for and, of course, one person does NOT have to furnish entire meal, partner up with a friend. If you have questions, please talk to Pearline or Cindy. Also, if it's inconvenient for you to deliver the meal, Cindy will be happy to meet you and deliver the meal for you.

The Deacons

How to Move a Train

They moved a train car in April. They used our driveway and then jack knifed to make the corner. What a sight!





Spring Clean up 2017.

16 from our church: David Purvis, Don & Marlene B, Eric, Phil & Alla, Adam and Joyce, Dave H, Don & Ruth, Ruth T., Stephen & Dottyanne, Mike & Debbie.

12 from Iglesia Church: Gerardo, Amram, Abdiel, Luis, Sergio, Manuel, Aracely, Jason, Leslie, Briana, Chelsea & Faviola.

Lots of work was done outside, tree removal, lawn & garden work, cobwebs and windows.



Lots of repair, replacing, freshening, organizing and purging in the inside in preparation for the changes to the building. Kitchen and storage area especially were hit hard. Thanks to all for all the work well done. We do have on-going project, so if you would like to work a small project at anytime, contact Eric, Don, Dave or Mike.



RENOVATION ACTION COMMITTEE !

RAC is making progress. We have met with several subcontractors and a couple contractors for bids. After researching and addressing many projects within the church, we brought our recommendations to the session. We feel we are getting closer to finalizing plans, choosing a contractor and look forward to making a presentation to the church body, and starting a capital campaign soon. We have a couple great matching fund offers from generous members of the church, and have several fund raising opportunities. Please keep our church, and our committee in your prayers that all we do will be done to glorify the Lord, and that we might have a new kitchen by this fall.

Submitted by the Renovation Action Committee (RAC) - Marlene Brining, Deb Greever, Cindy Sexton and Ruth Tisdale



Round Pantry at Westview
Volunteer every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 2:00pm,. Hundreds of people are fed.



THE PASTOR'S EASY LIFE

Some people think the preacher
Has such an easy time;
Don't have to hurry to a job,
And punch the clock on time.

He can get up in the morning
If and when he likes,
Read the paper, hear the news,
And go on nice long hikes.

He can take his time at shaving,
No need for him to hurry,
He really has no burdens,
So he has no need to worry.

He skims his last year's sermons
And the Preacher's Magazine,

So there is no need to study,
(Wonder why his mind's so keen.)

But the story is quite different
If you ask the preacher's wife,
For he's the first up in the morning,
And the last to bed at night.

He has no eight-hour schedule,
And then can rest and sleep,
But a twenty-four vigil
Caring for his flock of sheep.

A sick man's in the hospital,
He must see the man and pray;
There's an important call to make,
Another sheep has lost its way.

The telephone calls are numerous,

Each one with its problem need,
And so the preacher calls and prays
'Til that soul is helped indeed.

So people who think the preacher
Doesn't have much to do
Should have the job of following
him
Just one whole day through.

And probably while you're sleeping,
While you are resting at ease,
You're carried to the Throne of
Grace
By your pastor on his knees.

By Cora V. Feese, 1889-1969
(Don Lewis' grandmother)

Another Wonderful Easter Sunrise Service

Photos by Allan and Eric





HIGHLANDS HIGHLIGHTS

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

Great news!! A very generous donor has purchased 24 sets of bunk beds from Disney's Fort Wilderness and has shipped them to Highlands. They will be replacing some of the very old bunk beds in the cabins. A work day is planned for April 27th to unload the beds, assemble them and move them into the cabins. This is a great upgrade for the cabins.

Summer camp registration numbers are ahead of this time last year. The theme for this summer is "Connecting in Christ." The staff is busy recruiting summer and several year-round, part-time positions. If you know of a young adult who is looking for a position, have them contact Highlands.

A new **arts camp for adults** 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. It is a fun introductory weekend for folks who are interested in exploring some new creative mediums.

June 23-25 a **Faith and Grief Weekend** is being offered for individuals who have experienced grief in their lives. Everyone has experienced grief in their lives, and this weekend can be a wonderful time for remembering and healing.



Detailed information on all the camps that are offered is available on the website www.highlandscamp.org or call Highlands at 303-747-2888.

We appreciate all of the staff, the supporters, the volunteers and the Highlands Camp Committee members who keep Highlands running!! Blessings!! Ruth Lewis



Chamber Concert Virtuoso C-Strings

May 20, 2017 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Reception to Follow Concert

An Afternoon of Music

Enjoy chamber music presented by four local musicians: Madoka Asari (CSU), Andrew Brown (CU), Andrew Krimm (Altius Quartet), and Stephanie Mientka (Boulder Philharmonic).

The concert will feature works by J.S. Bach, C. Saint-Saens, A. Dvorak, R. Schumann, J. Hummel, and J. Brahms. Somewhat uncharacteristically, each piece will be played by the lower string instruments (the C-strings).



Donations from the performance will go to assist Valmont Community Presbyterian Church in its renovation efforts, as it seeks to better utilize its space in service of the community.



News from the Deacons

Caring Basket



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

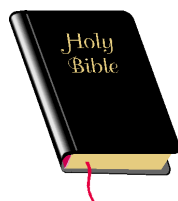
Dec. Attention Homes Giving Tree

Eric's Preaching Schedule

Date	Primary Text	Secondary Text	Title	Series	Church Calendar
May 7	Ruth 1:1-22		A Bitter Conversion	Ruth	
May 14	Ruth 2:1-23		A Simple Rescue	Ruth	Mother's Day
May 21	Ruth 3:1-18		A Benighted Plan	Ruth	Communion
May 28	Ruth 4:1-22		A Legal Ploy	Ruth	Ascension Sunday
June 4	John 3:1-21		Questions In the Night	Nicodemus	Father's Day Communion
June 11			Guest Preacher		Trinity Sunday
June 18	John 7:40-52		Questions About the Law	Nicodemus	
June 25	John 19:31-42		Questions Must be Lived	Nicodemus	
July 2	James 1:1-11		Ol' Time Wisdom	James	

Women's Association

All ladies are invited to our last meeting before summer break, May 16, 10 a.m. We will be studying chapter 6 of Max Lucado's book, "He Chose the Nails," but not to worry there will not be a test on the previous chapters. We always finish with lunch—usually potluck. Hope you'll be able to make it.—Cindy



Operation Christmas Child

It seems early to be thinking about Christmas, but we want to remind you that while you're out and about between now and Thanksgiving and you see items that would be good in one of the shoeboxes, pick some up if you can. We had fun putting them together last year, and would like to have another "Shoebox-packing Party" this year. You know that after any of the holidays there are always closeouts on many items that, even though they're for a holiday, aren't necessarily "branded" so could be used in the boxes. The Deacons

Adult Ed

Date	Reading	Biblical Passages
4/23/17	Kathleen Norris—Dreaming of Tree	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:22-24; Psalm 1; Revelation 22:1-5
4/30/17	Verses Concerning the Holy Spirit	John 14:15-31; 16:4-15; Acts 1:1-11; 2:1-13; Romans 8
5/7/17	Nicene Creed—History	
5/14/17	Nicene Creed—Theology of Trinity	
5/21/17	Nicene Creed—Procession	
5/28/17	Nicene Creed—Future	

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**
Publication Months: Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov.