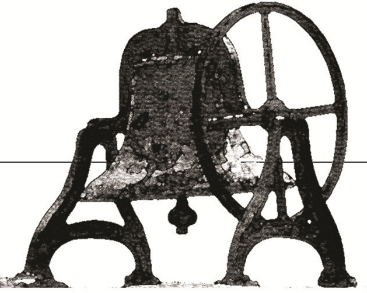


July/Aug 2017



Valmont

VINTAGE



CELEBRATING *150 years* OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS!



Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



## Pastor Eric

"St. James' Epistle is really an epistle of straw, for it has nothing of the nature of the Gospel about it." — Martin Luther

"What use is it, my dear family, if someone says they have faith when they don't have works? Can faith save such a person? Supposing a brother or sister is without clothing, and is short even of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; be warm, be full!'—but doesn't give them what their bodies need—what use is that? In the same way, faith, all by itself and without works, is dead." — James 2:14-17

The Protestant Reformation turns 500 this year when we celebrate Luther nailing the 95 *Theses* to the doors of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on October 31st. From the very beginning, Luther insisted that we are saved by faith alone (*Sola Fide*) rather than by relying on works of personal righteousness done to merit God's favor. This life of faith in the grace of God undergirds the whole Protestant tradition, and perhaps is best represented by the Reformed tradition from which the Presbyterian Church springs.

So, if we are a people called to live by faith rather than by works, what do we make of the epistle of James? Does it belong in the canon of Scripture? If we side with tradition, and include it, should it carry an asterisk, denoting it as an *epistle of straw*? Can we learn anything of the Gospel from it, or does it simply heap more law upon us?

Throughout the remainder of the summer we will be asking these questions together as we study the oft-maligned book of James. We will discern whether or not it can stand alongside Pauline theology or our four Gospel accounts. Who knows — it just might help us recognize some blind spots in our reading of the New Testament if we will allow this text to communicate God's Word to us.

In Christ, Eric

**Ask a friend to join you.**

You Have A Friend At Valmont!

**No Sunday School  
Worship Service:**

**9:30**

3262 N. 61st Street,  
Boulder

(61st Street & Valmont Road)

**303-442-2135**

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# Bulletin Board

## Elders:

*Ruth Lewis*                      *Doug Myers*  
*Cheryl Craig*                      *Scott Starin*

**Clerk of Session:**              *Joyce Glazer*

## Deacons:

*Don Lewis*                      *Ruth Tisdale*  
*Cindy Sexton*

**Treasurer:**                      *Ruth Lewis*

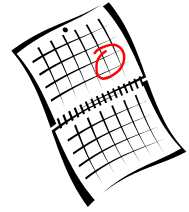
**Church Administrator:** *Ella Travis*

## Choir/Worship Director:

*Madoka Asari*

**Accompanist:**                  *Stella Pradeau*

## Calendar



7/2 - Worship at 9:30am

7/4 - Worship Team at 10:00am

7/9 - Worship at 9:30am

**Potluck following Worship**

7/11 - Deacons at 10:00am,  
Round Pantry at 2:00pm

7/16 - Worship at 9:30am, Communion Sunday

7/18 - Session at 5:45pm

7/23 - Worship at 9:30am, Outdoor Service

7/25 - Parkinson's Picnic at 11:00am,  
Round Pantry at 2:00pm



7/30 - Fifth Sunday of Service at 9:30am

8/1 - Worship Team at 10:00am

8/6 - Worship at 9:30am

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

8/12 - Presbytery in Bridgeport, NE

8/13 - Worship at 9:30am

8/15 - Session at 5:45pm

8/20 - Worship at 9:30am, Communion

8/22 - 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

No Choir practice for the summer

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

## Strawberry-Cream Cheese Cookies from Cindy's kitchen

Preheat oven to 375°

Ingredients:

- ♦ 1 1/4 c. flour
- ♦ 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- ♦ 1/8 tsp. salt
- ♦ 1/4 c. butter
- ♦ 4 oz. cream cheese
- ♦ 3/4 c. sugar
- \* 1 egg
- \* 1 tsp. vanilla
- \* 3/4 c. chopped free-dried strawberries (available at Trader Joe's)
- \* 2 T. lemon juice
- \* 5 oz. white chocolate chips



Cream butter, cheese & sugar together; beat in egg, vanilla & lemon juice. Stir in dry ingredients until well blended. Add chopped berries & chips. Roll into balls and bake 10-12 minutes on parchment-lined baking sheet.



## Summer Squash Casserole From Debbie G's kitchen

Ingredients:

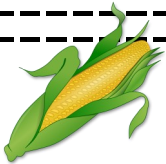
- \* 1 can whole kernel corn, drained
- \* 2 lbs. yellow summer squash sliced (about 6 cups)
- \* 1/2 cup onion, chopped
- \* 1 cup sour cream
- \* 1 (8 oz.) pkg. herb seasoned stuffing mix
- \* 1 cup fresh tomatoes
- \* 1 can cream of chicken soup
- \* 1 cup carrots, shredded
- \* 1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted



In saucepan cook sliced squash and chopped onion in salted boiling water for 5 minutes; drain. Combine soup and sour cream. Stir in shredded carrots. Fold in drained squash and onion. Combine stuffing mix with melted butter. Spread 1/2 of stuffing mix on bottom of 12" x 8" x 2" casserole. Spoon vegetable mixture on top. Sprinkle remaining stuffing over vegetables. Bake at 350 for 25 to 30 minutes or until heated.

Instructions:

Serve: place hot beef slices on bottom part of a split French roll, sprinkle with cheese and top with the other half of the French roll. Serve with broth in small individual bowls for dipping. Makes 8 to 10 servings



## Summer Corn Salad From Debbie G's kitchen

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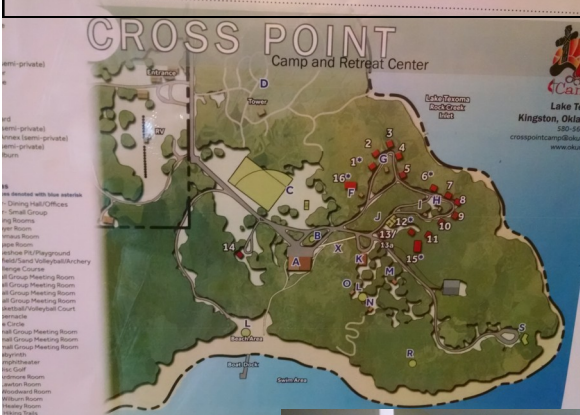
- \* 1 can whole kernel corn, drained
- \* 1 cup cucumber, peeled and chopped
- \* 1/2 cup green or red bell pepper
- \* 1/2 cup Italian Salad dressing
- \* 1 cup fresh tomatoes
- \* 1/2 cup celery, chopped
- \* 2 green onions, sliced

Combine all ingredients and chill overnight.





# PDA Mission Trip 2017 to Kingston OK



The owner's, Terry and Linda, of our PDA project home was hit by wind and rain, wrecking the roof, in a horrible storm. The water infiltrated their home creating lots of damage to the roof, drywall and flooring. All the while Terry is caring for Linda who has suffered a stroke and dealing with stage 4 cancer. The Methodist Ministries stepped in to help them out.

## God's Hands and Feet!

The Volunteers stayed at Cross Point Camp on the Texoma Lake on the Texas/Oklahoma border. They were very nice accommodations.



Dennis and Nancy Huri-  
anek were the trip lead-  
ers/planners this year.  
There were 13 volun-  
teers, 9 men & 4 women  
from 4 churches. **Val-  
mont:** Cheryl, Allen &  
Diane Hughes, Mike G;  
**Westview:** Dennis and  
Nancy, Craig Flora;  
**Mountain View:** Mike  
Eastman, Duane Roosa;  
**Westminter:** Mark &  
Diane Kenning, Dale  
Grit, Bob Vanger-  
meersch .



We accomplished replacing the roof and flooring, repairing drywall, repainting the exterior, and spruced up some gardens. Also another home near by required some roof work. We did this all in four days (a day early).

Submitted by Mike



Women's Assoc started preparing an evening meal once per month for Attention Homes' Chase House in March. Cindy and Pearline prepared the dinner in March, Mike and Debbie in April, Stella May and Cindy in May, Deb Starin, Joy and Pearline will be preparing the meal for June. Stella May will be recruiting help for this mission. You don't need to prepare all of the meal, any part would be greatly appreciated. There's a suggested menu on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall, but feel free to do your special recipe. The cookies and the meal are delivered on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. The Women's Assoc won't be meeting during the summer months but this mission work will continue. Pearline



## Service in Worship



I would like to thank all of those at Valmont who have so generously given of their time and talents to serve our church as lay leaders, communion servers and/or do the offering. Your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated. If there are other members of the congregation who would like to serve on a regular basis or as backups as needed, please let me know and I will add you to the list. I try to spread things out so that no one is called upon too often. ~Ruth T.



## RENOVATION ACTION COMMITTEE



RAC is making progress. Session has approved the recommended plan and the committee has selected a contractor. The bid is for \$76,000.

Currently we have in the bank and pledges a total of about \$38,000. 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 kitchen and updated bathrooms and fellowship hall by this fall. Please consider a pledge to this endeavor. Submitted by the Renovation Action Committee (RAC) - Marlene Brining, Deb Greever, Cindy Sexton and Ruth Tisdale



## Member Snapshot—Buddy and Joy Keeter

Joy was born and raised on Valmont Road. She went to Valmont school & then to Douglas Elementary on the first year it was opened.

Joy met Buddy in December 1955 dragging Pearl Street. Both graduated in June and married in June of 1957.

They started their trucking and excavating business in 1959. They worked together for 45 years and traveled in a motor home for 35 years. They raised 3 children: Kris 59, Paul 57, and Ben 56 & they have 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.



This picture was taken 60 years ago on June 30, 1957 while leaving the old church



## The View into God's Presence—Valmont Community Presbyterian Church

### Why was the first man called Adam?

In Hebrew, the name means man or mankind. When God brought Adam to life, he was bringing all Humans to life. The name appears to have been derived from the word “adamah” which means ground or dust—which, of course, is what God used to create Adam. Both words come from the root “adom” meaning red, like the color of the clay from which Adam was made.

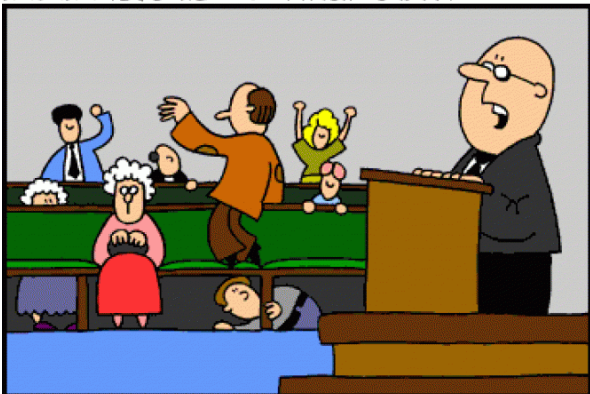
### Why was the first woman called Eve?

There is some dispute as to the origin of the name. Many scholars believe it comes from the Hebrew Havva, which means life. However, others maintain that it derives from the Sumerian word “ev”, meaning rib.

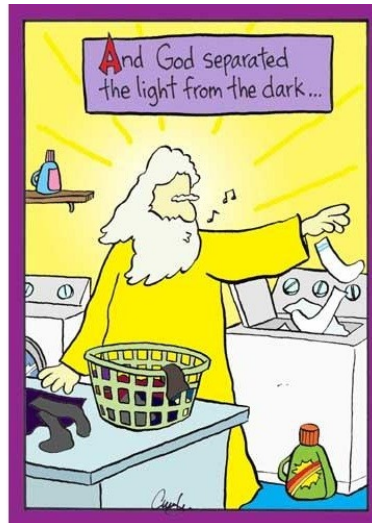
### Why was Adam's home called Eden?

Eden is the ancient Sumerian word for plain. Though that word doesn't exactly summon up visions of paradise, it must be remembered that the garden itself wasn't called Eden, but that “the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden” (Genesis 2:8)

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Thanks to John Ramsey  
03-06-1998  
I KNOW I'M SUPPOSED TO BE THE SHEPHERD OF THE FLOCK ... BUT I'M REALLY STARTING TO FEEL LIKE KEEPER OF THE ZOO



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GOOD THING I FOUND YOU GIDEON ... IT SEEMS SOMEONE HAS BEEN HIDING ALL YOUR BIBLES IN HOTEL ROOMS



## 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!!** The matching grant offered by the Presbytery of Plains and Peaks has been met. The grant was for \$35,000 and to be matched for debt reduction if that amount was met. Thanks to everyone who helped make this happen!!

Summer camp is in full swing. The theme for this summer is "Connecting in Christ." It is great to see and hear all of the kids having a great time participating in activities and studying God's word. Hope you might venture up to Highlands on a Friday afternoon for dinner and to join in the weeks closing program "Seeing is Believing".

The roll down door in the kitchen area was damaged and now needs to be left down, as it is a fire door. It will be a couple of weeks before parts arrive to repair the door. In the meantime, the staff has set up tables for serving meals and feeding happy campers.

Tom Sheffield, Pastor for Denver Presbytery, has announced his retirement effective mid-November. He has been a great supporter of Highlands and a representative on the Highlands Camp Committee. He will be greatly missed.



A new swing circle has been built by a Mission Work Camp. It consists of six double wooden swings in a circle providing great views in all directions.

Detailed information on all the camps that are offered is available on the website [www.highlandscamp.org](http://www.highlandscamp.org) or call Highlands at 303-747-2888.

Please keep all of the staff, the supporters, the volunteers and the Highlands Camp Committee members in your prayers!! They do an amazing job to keep Highlands running!!

Blessings!! Ruth Lewis

## News from the Deacons

### *Caring Basket*

Jul. Family Learning Center

Aug. Round Pantry

Sep. Bags of Grace

Oct. Operation Christmas Child

Nov. CYAK

Dec. Attention Homes Giving Tree

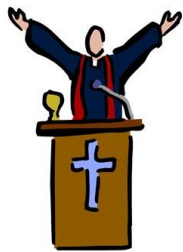
This is the final Sunday to sign up to bring items for the Deacons' Caring Basket and the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Please return your items Sunday, July 2, so we can assemble the bags following Worship.



Reverence Project (a ministry to find housing for homeless women) is men's, women's, and children's clothing and accessories for their sale 10-4, July 29 at Cornerstone Church in Boulder. Please bring any items you would like to donate to this worthy cause to VCPC by the previous Sunday, July 23. Emily Gaud, director of Reverence Project, is a friend of Cindy and acquaintance of Eric. She will make sure everything is taken to Cornerstone in time for the sale. Cindy

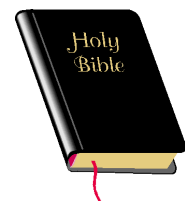
## Eric's Preaching Schedule

Date	Primary Text	Secondary Text	Title	Series	Church Calendar
July 9	James 1:12-27		I'm All Ears	James	
July 16	James 2:1-13		Having Favorites	James	Communion
July 23	James 2:14-26		Works Righteousness?	James	
July 30			[Fifth Sunday]	[5th Sunday]	
August 6	James 3:1-18		Worse than Sticks and Stones	James	
August 13	James 4:1-17		Come What May	James	
August 20	James 5:1-20		Patience Comes to Those Who Wait	James	Communion
August 27			Radio Free Valmont		



### The Short List of Valmont's Missions:

- ♦ Bags of Grace
- ♦ PDA work week
- ♦ CYAC - Alaskan Village
- ♦ Card Ministries
- ♦ Adopt a church: San Luis
- ♦ Adopt a family
- ♦ Bags for migrant workers
- ♦ PDA hosting
- \* The James Project
- \* Wycliffe Bible, Missionaries: Stu and Edith Nelson
- \* Attention Homes
- \* Valmont Church Lake Ministries
- \* Sponsored community events: Pig Roast
- \* Rides to church program.
- \* Learning Center garden



### 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](mailto:mgreever@rmprohomes.com) or give to **Ella in the office**  
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