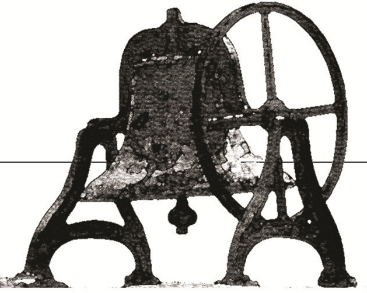


Sept/Oct 2017



Valmont

VINTAGE



CELEBRATING *150 years* OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS!



Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



Pastor Eric

"No one else holds or has held the place in the heart of the world which Jesus holds. Other gods have been as devoutly worshipped; no other man has been so devoutly loved."

-John Knox

Though there are some who would desire it, there is no escaping Jesus. For almost 2,000 years the world has been obsessed with him. He is the subject of more art than could possibly fit in any museum. He is the topic of more books than could ever be contained in any library. People have spent so much time thinking about him that they restarted the calendar to mark the time since his coming. Hospitals, universities, and innumerable organizations have been

founded in response to his teachings. His Church is represented in monolithic buildings that attract millions of visitors each year, and also behind closed doors in societies that have outlawed his name.

And for all the countless people who've called upon his name, Jesus, unlike so many others, does not diminish. No matter how many times we people have attempted to co-opt his name, using his life and image for our own purposes, Jesus' integrity cannot be tarnished. New people every day are discovering that unique life lived in Nazareth some 2,000 years ago — they're discovering how that life continues today.

Solo Christo — Christ alone. One of the rallying cries of the Reformation seems to have grown in importance these last 500 years. There continues to be new claimants all the time for how to organize our lives and govern the world, but the light of Jesus' life continues to shine all these years later with unique authority; an authority borne out of love. It is through his love that this life can make sense.

As we venture into this time of commemoration, remembering the Reformation is its triumphs and

tragedies, let us hold firmly to the claim of *Solo Christo*. Yes, we Reformed Presbyterians find our origins in a movement with an impressive lineage, but that is not nearly so important as our Christian lineage, which reaches back to the incomprehensible love of God witnessed in Jesus on the cross. We may've had impressive heroes of the faith who've led us to where we are today, but we will always have but one savior.

So let us look to Christ alone. Let us find our identity in his love.

In Christ, Eric

Ask a friend to join you.

You Have A Friend At Valmont!

Starting Sept 10:

Sunday School

9:00

Worship Service:

10:30

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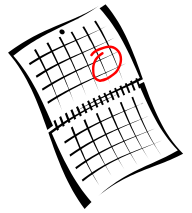
Choir/Worship Director:

Madoka Asari

Accompanist:

Stella Pradeau

Calendar



9/3 - Worship at 9:30am

9/5 - Worship Team at 10:00am

9/6 - Choir Practice Resumes

9/10 - Education Hour at 9:00am,
Worship at 10:30am **Potluck after service**

9/12 - Deacons at 10:00am,
Round Pantry at 2:00pm –Westview Pres.

9/13 Women's Luncheon—
Cookies for Attention Home

9/18 - Education Hour at 9:00am,
Worship at 10:30am, Communion Sunday

9/19 - Session at 5:45pm

9/24 - Education Hour at 9:00am,
Worship at 10:30am

9/26 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm—Westview Pres.

10/1 - Education Hour at 9:00am,
Worship at 10:30am

10/3 - Worship Team at 10:00am

10/8 - Education Hour at 9:00am,
Worship at 10:30am **Potluck after service**

10/10 - Deacons at 10:00am,
Round Pantry at 2:00pm -Westview Pres.

10/11 9/13 Women's Luncheon—
Cookies for Attention Home

10/15 - Education Hour at 9:00am,
Worship at 10:30am, Communion Sunday

10/17 - Session at 5:45pm

10/22 - Education Hour at 9:00am,
Worship at 10:30am

10/24 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm -Westview Pres.

10/29 - Fifth Sunday of Service

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 starting soon!

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

Amazing Muffin Cups from the kitchen of Pearline



Prep time: 20 minutes Cook/Bake Time: 30 minutes Servings: 12

Ingredients:

- ◆ 12 links Johnsonville Original Breakfast Sausage
- ◆ 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded 4cheese Mexican blend cheese
- ◆ 3 cups frozen country style hash brown potatoes, thawed
- ◆ 1/8 teaspoon salt
- ◆ 1/14 cup chopped fresh chives or green onion
- * 6 Eggs, lightly beaten
- * 1/4 cup chopped red bell pepper
- * 3 Tablespoons butter, melted
- * 1/8 teaspoon pepper

Prepare sausage according to package instructions, cool slightly and cut into 1/2 inch pieces, set aside. Combine eggs, cheese and bell pepper, set aside.



In a bowl, combine hash browns, butter, salt and pepper; divide evenly into 12 greased muffin cups. Press mixture onto sides and bottom of muffin cups. Bake at 400 for 12 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove from oven, divide sausage pieces into muffin cups.

Spoon egg mixture evenly into muffin cups. Sprinkle with chives or onion. Return to oven, bake 13-15 minutes or until set. Serve

Music at Valmont

Hello Valmont! I hope you all had a wonderful and adventurous summer. Thank you all for welcoming my dear friend and colleague Prof. Scott Schwab, an adjunct professor in piano at Casper College, WY and doctoral candidate at CU Boulder, as our summer pianist.



It is often said that the music world is so small that everyone is connected: Scott and I are very good example. Scott was a master's student while I was a bachelor's student at DU.

We were always practicing hard until late and he has helped me so much getting through difficult time. His last year at DU, Scott invited my husband (back then boyfriend) Andrew to perform in his recital. As an Indiana University alum, Scott recommended his teacher from IU for my master's study. A few years later, Andrew started his doctoral degree at CU Boulder where Scott and his significant other Dr. Doreen Lee were doctoral candidates. Before her position at CU Boulder, Doreen worked at Colorado State University as an adjunct faculty in collaborative piano, which is what I currently hold. This summer, I got to spend two dense months with Doreen at the Music Academy of the West Doreen in Santa Barbara while Andrew invited Scott to have a recording session for his audition and Scott helped our services at Valmont with his beautiful music!

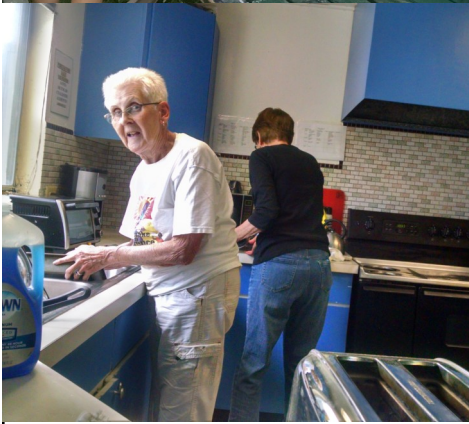
Besides my friendship with Scott, I had quite a few experiences like this where a small companionship expanded to bigger circle and I feel so fortunate to be connected with them. I also had the opposite relationship that I didn't get along with a single person and missed great opportunities to meet more people. I believe this is not the special case in the music career but the world could be treated the similar way. If we all could make friends not enemies, the positive vibe will invite better relationship: and negative vibe may invite hate.

My summer with Doreen, Andrew and Scott was a good reminder of the moral, and I am so happy to be back home at Valmont! The choir and the music administration hope to send even bigger positive energy through music!

Madoka, *Worship Music Director*

Fifth Sunday

On Sunday, September 30th Valmont sent 20 members to the Family Learning Center to help them get their facilities prepared for another year of serving the San Juan Del Centro community. Our projects included organizing classrooms, cleaning their kitchen, painting tables, cleaning vans, and tidying up around their property.



Ricky Raccoon and his buddies surprised us in the dumpsters

Women's Association

Ladies, if you attend VCPC, you are guilty by association—Women's Association that is. We meet at 10 a.m. the 3rd Tuesday of each month, September through May. We will continue with the book "He Chose the Nails" by Max Lucado. No one will stop you if you want to get your own copy, but it is not necessary. Attention Homes is our main mission as we will continue to furnish cookies for them (preferably home-baked) and dinner for the residents at Chase House, also on 3rd Tuesday. Our meetings end with a potluck after which some participant delivers the cookies and dinner.

We're open to suggestions: could you attend if meetings were held in the evening or on weekend? do you have an idea of different missions you would like to see supported?, etc.

Cindy



Operation Christmas Child:

Fall isn't here yet, I know, but the bin to collect items for the Shoeboxes will appear in the Fellowship Hall within the next couple of weeks and there will be a shoebox-packing party in mid-November. When shopping, look for small toys, flip-flops, pens, paper, jump ropes, etc. (No need to get crayons this time as Randy & Linda got a super buy on enough to go in our boxes.) Medicine bottles filled with small sewing items or fishing hooks, etc. are also good. If you need ideas, please ask Ruth Tisdale or Cindy Sexton. NO CANDY of any kind this year.

\Cindy



RENOVATION ACTION COMMITTEE !

Session asked that we obtain pledges for 20% over the estimated costs for the kitchen/reno project (which is the industry average for hidden charges of what you might expect when undertaking a renovation project). WE are aiming for approximately \$76,000. We are getting closer with an estimated \$60,000. Keep up the good work, and continue praying for the Lord's guidance with these projects.



Thank you the RAC Committee - Marlene Brining, Debbie Greever, Cindy Sexton and Ruth Tisdale (Chairperson)

Annual Meeting Notice

The Annual Meeting at Valmont will be November 12 following worship.

Judaism and the Dead Sea Scrolls by Professor Gary A Rendsburg



I have been interested in history for a long time but have not really made a study of it, just the reading of some of it. As a Christian we have roots that go back some 4000 years or so. When Pastor Eric gave us a brief study on the history of the Church I was engrossed.

I have started listening to some CDs from the Teaching Company available at the Longmont Library. The most recent lectures are "Judaism" and the "Dead Sea Scrolls". This is so interesting that I thought you might be interested in a very brief summary of what I have "learned" or at least listen to and possibly

you will want to also.

If all we know of Judaism is from the Bible we do not really have an understanding of who they were and who they are today. Part of the problem is that we only have verbal copies of read copies of ancient documents. This has to be because even until the printed press was invented this was the method. If you wanted more than one copy then one person would read the "original" and that many scribes would write down what he heard. They did have some intricate ways of checking for accuracy but you can imagine the tedious way it was done. Still differences would appear. The papers of ancient peoples were primarily papyrus and parchment documents. They rapidly decomposed so they were copied continually. Another problem is language that evolved over time, like over 1000s of years. Moses wrote the first five books at some point. What script did he use or was it memorized by individuals. No one knows. Think about the problem of keeping the written documents during 40 years of wanderings in the desert, what a task.

The discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls between 1948 and 1954 brought texts to light 1,000 years before the middle ages. Our King James Bible was translated from these middle ages documents. It took from 1954 until 2002 to get all of the documents before experts. That story is incredibly interesting in itself.

So, what did the scholars find when they searched the caves at Qumran? There were 11 caves containing 930 individual documents. Some are biblical documents and many were records containing information about the people who lived there. There were many in very bad shape. The CDs talk about the various variations in Jewish sects, at least 13 in all.



It specifically talks about the change from Temple worship to the Synagogue worship system and the change from the priestly leadership to the rabbi leadership. With the end of the Temple in C.E. 70 the High Priest, Sadducees and Pharisees soon had no further role to play.

These ancient documents are eventually translated in one of our modern languages with necessary interpretation. He shows how a rabbi will take a verse and interpret it in ways you would never consider. And indeed we do some of that and the Jews are very good at that.

Much more to be listened to on the second set of tapes so I will do another summary later.

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.**

Great news!! A successful summer camp has been completed. We had 251 campers

this summer, which is ahead of the last three years!! The theme for this summer was "Connecting in Christ." It was great to see and hear all of the kids having a great time participating in activities and studying God's word. This year we had fifteen Partnership Day Camps which saw over 375 campers. Partnership Day Camp is funded by the Presbytery of Denver and a grant from the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant in the Denver Presbytery. Unrestricted funds from the Presbytery of Plains and Peaks help to cover the rest of the cost of Partnership Day Camps and residential Summer Camp. We could not offer this program without the support from the presbyteries, congregations and individuals!

The check for the matching grant from the Presbytery of Plains and Peaks for \$35,000 has been received. This amount has been paid on our mortgage. Our mortgage balance is now \$1,098,354.15 and the minimum principal reduction payment for 2017 has been met.

Maria, the Executive Director of Highlands, is recovering from a procedure to repair a brain aneurysm. She has returned to work spending two or three hours a day at Highlands. She is working on pain management from the procedure which is improving. Please keep her in your prayers as she continues to recover!!

Please keep the ministry of Highlands in your prayers along with the staff, the volunteers, the supporters and the Highlands Camp Committee!! They do an amazing job to keep Highlands running!! Blessings!! Ruth Lewis



Insightful Study

Thank you Eric for the insightful study and teaching on James. Eric asked us in closing, as James asked the new believers, to also be a people who live patiently, not to grumble against one another, confess our sins to one another, keep each other accountable, and to pray... for one another "that we may be healed..."
James 5: 13-16 Debbie Greever



News from the Deacons

Caring Basket

Sep. Bags of Grace **Oct.** Operation Christmas Child
Nov. CYAK **Dec.** Attention Homes Giving Tree

Remember each month...

- ♦ After Worship potlucks are every 2nd Sunday
- ♦ Women's Assoc. Luncheon 's are every 2nd Wednesday ... **Mark your calendars!**

VCPC Women's Association's Attention Home Mission

The Women's Association is continuing to partner with The Attention Home of Boulder, Chase House to bring a meal and cookies once a month. July's meal was prepared by Dottyanne and Anne; Pearline delivered the meal along with the collected cookies. 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 3rd Tuesday of the month. - Pearline

Eric's Preaching Schedule

Date	Primary Text	2nd Text	Title	Series	Church Calendar
September 3			Radio Free Valmont		
September 10	2 Timothy 3:10-17		Sola Scriptura	Five Solae	
September 17	Galatians 3:1-14		Sola Fide- Marlene Brining	Five Solae	Communion
September 24	Ephesians 1:3-10		Sola Gratia— Ella Travis	Five Solae	
October 1	Colossians 1:13-20		Solo Christo— Doug Myer	Five Solae	World Communion Sunday
October 8	Romans 11:33-36		Soli Deo Gloria- Stephen Bird	Five Solae	
October 15	Daniel 1		New Names	Daniel: Life & Apocalypse	
October 22	Daniel 2			Daniel: Life & Apocalypse	
October 29			[Fifth Sunday]	[Fifth Sunday]	Reformation Sunday

Adult Sunday School

Come join us for this great class! We will be doing a series on Reformation history early in the fall followed by a study of *You Are What You Love* by James K.A. Smith. However, that is to be determined based on the group's decision.

Christian Education Begins September 10th

Sunday School -: 9:00 to 10:00

Ages 3 to Adult

Children's Church:: 10:30 to 11:30

Ages 0 to 6

Although we may not have children as often as we wish, we are prepared to teach every Sunday, so don't hesitate to invite children to our church!

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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