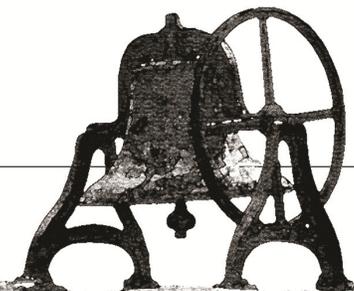


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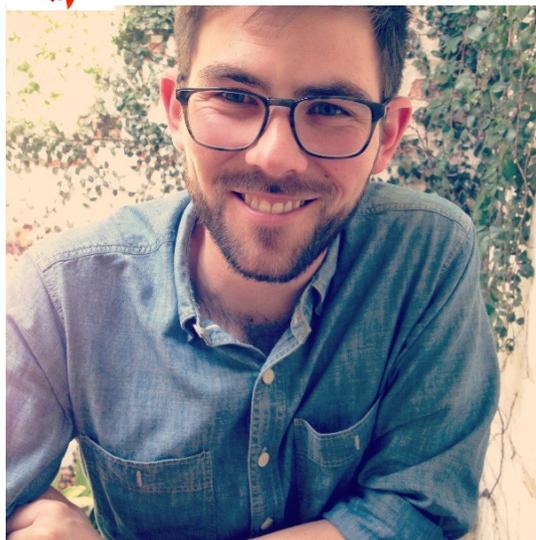


# VINTAGE

CELEBRATING *150 years* OF GOD’S FAITHFULNESS!



## Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



### Pastor Eric

As we enter into the season of Advent, we are asked to consider the Incarnation — when the Word was made flesh. As I’ve been considering what *word* to bring about one of the most important events in human history, I have done something only all-too natural for me: I’ve gone down the path of wordplay.

Advent can be a difficult season for a preacher — it deals with corporate confession as we prepare ourselves as a people for our King’s arrival; it invites us to sing the somber hymns that reflect upon our past unfaithfulness colliding with Israel’s prophetic promises; and it asks us to live with expectancy rather

than gratification. So what word do I have to preach?

Here’s where the wordplay comes in: *What is the relationship between the words “Advent” and “adventure?”* As it turns out, the two words do come from the same Latin root meaning “about to happen.” In the season of Advent, we know that God’s reign is about to happen; although, in unexpected ways. In an adventure, we’re not entirely sure what’s about to happen next, while we may be quite expectant about it all the same.

Here, as we stand on the doorstep of Advent, I hope that we will enter into an adventure with God. Let’s give up our sense of certainty when it comes to believing that we know how God is acting within the world, and enter into the wildly audacious story of God becoming flesh to dwell among us. No one saw that coming. No one anticipated that God’s Spirit would dwell in humans before the end of history. God is constantly surprising us with the depths God will go to in order to show us hope, love, joy, and peace.

Let’s embrace the wild and unexpected nature of our God, and open ourselves to adventure.

*Lord Jesus, come quickly! We are open to be guided by you wherever you want to go. Help bring us out of our comfort zones. Take us on an adventure with you for the sake of bringing your reckless grace into the world. May your government topple our old allegiances. May your life overcome our obsessions with death and decay. Work something new in us. Yes, Lord! Come quickly. Amen.*

In Christ, Eric



### Ask a friend to join you.

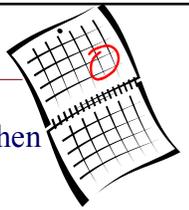
You Have A Friend At Valmont!  
Starting Sept 10:

**Sunday School**  
**9:00**

**Worship Service:**  
**10:30**

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**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***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

10/29 5th Sunday—Box and Demo Kitchen

11/5 - Education Hour at 9:00am,  
Worship at 10:30am,  
End of Daylight Saving Time11/12 - Education Hour at 9:00am,  
Worship at 10:30am,  
Annual Meeting after Worship11/14 - Deacons at 10:00am,  
Round Pantry at 2:00pm11/19 - Education Hour at 9:00am,  
Worship at 10:30am, Communion Sunday,  
Christ the King Sunday  
Hanging of the Greens

11/21 - Session at 5:45pm

11/22 - Community Thanksgiving Service at 7:00pm

11/23 - Thanksgiving Day

11/26 - Education Hour at 9:00am,  
Worship at 10:30am, First Sunday in Advent

11/28 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm

12/3 - Education Hour at 9:00am,  
Worship at 10:30am12/10 - Education Hour at 9:00am,  
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Round Pantry at 2:00pm12/17 - Education Hour at 9:00am,  
Worship at 10:30am, Communion Sunday

12/19 - Session at 5:45pm

12/22 - Christmas Caroling

12/24 - Christmas Eve Worship at 7:00pm

12/25 - Christmas Day

12/26 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm (maybe)

12/31 - Fifth Sunday of Service with Attention  
Homes at 10:30am



# Pig Roasts and Potlucks

## Swedish Cardamom Bread From Eric's kitchen



Activate 2 1/4 tsp. yeast (one packet) in 1/4 cup warm water.

In a bowl mix:

♦ 7 cups flour      \* 1 cup sugar      \* 1 1/2 tsp. ground cardamom      \* 1/2 tsp. salt

In a pan heat:      \* 2 1/2 cups milk      \* 3/4 cups butter

Heat until it reaches “scalded on candy thermometer and then let cool until it reads 115°

Add one egg (beaten)

Add liquid ingredients to dry mixture in small quantities while blending together. If dough is too sticky, add small amounts of flour (1/4 cup at a time) until it is manageable. Place in large greased bowl and allow to rise until doubled. (Do this in a warm oven, heated to 200°, and then turned off before placing the bowl inside. This should take a couple hours).

Punch down dough and divide into equal portions. I usually make around 6-8 small loaves. Divide each portion into thirds for braiding. Roll the the thirds into long ropes around 1” thick and 12” long. Connect the three ropes at one end and braid. Place the braided bread on greased baking sheet. Let rise until doubled (around 40 min. in warm oven).

Bake in 350° oven. Baking time varies depending on loaf size. Start with 10-15 minutes. If nicely browns on both sides, it should be done (suggested internal temperature at 180°).



This thank you was sent to the Daily Camera as an expression of thanks ...

## Parkinson's Community Gives Thanks

Several people have recently commented “if you have to have Parkinson's Disease, Boulder County is the best place to do it”. The reality is that there are many valuable resources for people wanting to “live well with Parkinson's” in our community. In this case, we want to shout out a special vote of gratitude to the Valmont Presbyterian Community Church for their ongoing support. Pastor Eric Garner and his congregation have generously offered their wonderful facility for Parkinson's classes, events and celebrations.

For many years, the church has hosted our summer picnic, yoga classes and weekly practices of our own “Tremble Clefs” – a singing group focused on helping participants to improve articulation, voice volume and overall confidence in communication. The Valmont Community Church has consistently been there for the Boulder Parkinson's community and we can't overstate our appreciation.

Rich Wildau, Ambassador for the Davis Phinney Foundation—on behalf of the Parkinson's Support Group Planning Committee & Tremble Clefs Choir

## After the Hurricanes

Many of you have asked what I was doing in Florida and Texas after the hurricanes. I am a member of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) National Response Team (NRT) which is different than doing mission trips for PDA.

I had gone on mission trips before the Colorado flood of 2013 and did not know the NRT existed. After the flood when three of our Presbyterian churches experienced flooding and resulting damage, PDA sent members of NRT in to assist the churches with initial steps for recovery. You may know, Valmont partnered with St. Andrews Presbyterian Church to host visiting work groups who would stay at St. Andrews for the week of their mission trip to work on recovery in the area. I worked closely with the NRT members to prepare for those incoming groups and as I learned more about NRT, decided I wanted to consider joining the NRT, which I did in the fall of 2015.



In Texas, our four member team was tasked with meeting with Presbytery staff in San Antonio, TX and then visiting the churches in Mission Presbytery who experienced damage from the hurricane Harvey. The churches we visited were along the southern coast of Texas from Corpus Christi east to Costal Bend. Because of the extensive damage in the southern part of the state, there were no hotel rooms available close by. We drove from San Antonio each day to the coast, about a three hour drive each way.

We visited the damaged churches to assess the extent of their damage and to provide information on PDA grants that are available for continuation of ministry. Continuation of ministry means to do what is needed for the congregation to be worshipping together soon. This may include renting another building for worship if the sanctuary has major damage, or ordering new Bibles and Hymnals if the old ones were waterlogged among other things. Several of the pastors or church staff we met also had damage at their homes. A double whammy from Harvey.

We provided 'ministry of presence', by spending time with these people to pray with them, hear their story, make sure their Presbytery office was in contact with them to assist and sometimes took them to lunch for a hot meal. We went more for the air-conditioning in the restaurant than a hot meal. Without power, there was no air-conditioning in their homes or churches. We talk with everyone we encounter to offer encouragement, prayers if requested, and a smiling face.

In Florida, our team visited three presbyteries from St. Petersburg to Tampa. We visited 19 damaged churches and met with numerous pastors and staff members. One of the locations, not Presbyterian, is a community of mainly migrant workers who suffered damage to their living quarters. As you might expect, the living conditions were not wonderful to start with and even worse after Hurricane Irma. One of the members of our team is bilingual and was able to easily communicate with the people we met. Another NRT team worked in southern Florida and saw much more extensive damage than we did in central Florida.



The NRT does many other activities related to other types of disasters but that is for another writing. I will say a team was sent to Las Vegas after the shooting on October 1st. I do not know who they specifically met with, but their mission was 'ministry of presence'. Joyce Glazier

**End of Daylight Saving  
Time is November 5**

Mark your Calendars

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



# HIGHLANDS HIGHLIGHTS

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

**The Highlands Annual Christmas Party is going to be December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1 to 4.** This is always a great time with yummy treats and wonderful people. Several beautiful handmade items have already been received for the silent auction. If you would like donate items for the auction, please let me know. We hope you will plan on attending!!

Recent guests at Highlands have been enjoying the beauty of the mountains with the dusting of snow and the remaining fall colors. Three moose have frequently been spotted on the grounds near the retreat center which draw the guests to the windows. They are amazing animals to watch.

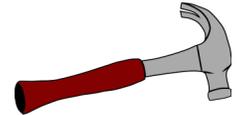
Several major maintenance projects are planned for the coming year, including repair of the decks, painting of the retreat center and replacing the carpet in the lobby. The camp committee is also hoping to be able to hire a Director of Operations in 2018. This person would take charge of the day to day operation of the camp. A great deal of work is going into preparing the budget for 2018.

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

Blessings!! Ruth Lewis



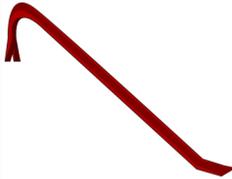
## RENOVATION ACTION COMMITTEE !



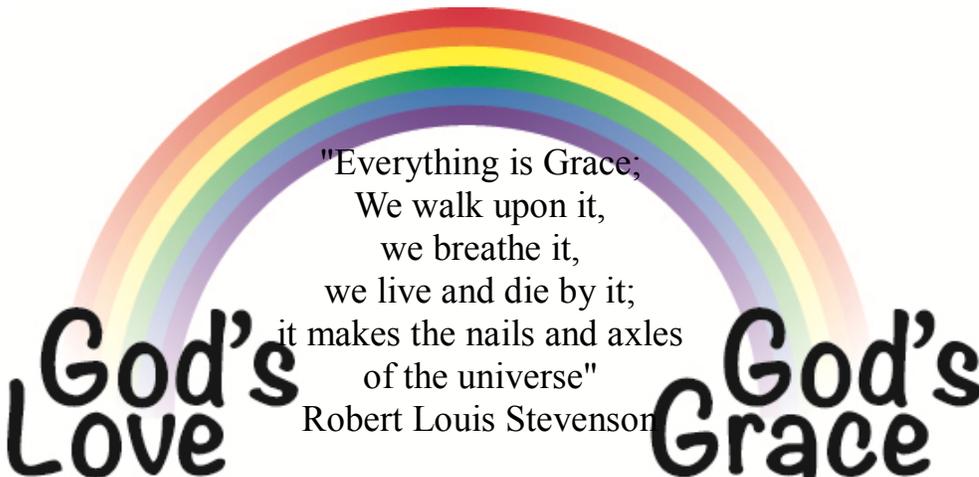
5th Sunday Mission Project: Valmont Church

Mark your calendars for October 29, 10:30 a.m. - don your work clothes and gloves, and be ready to rock and roll - or more like it - box and demo!

The session has approved and given the green light to begin work on the church renovation project. Work will begin the first week of November - starting with the kitchen. However before work can begin, the kitchen needs to be cleaned out and demo'd. That will include boxing up everything in the cabinets, and taking out appliances, countertops and cabinets. Bring boxes, and any tools you think will be helpful.



If you have questions, please contact Ruth Tisdale for more information. Thank you the RAC Committee - Marlene Brining, Debbie Greever, Cindy Sexton and Ruth Tisdale (Chairperson)



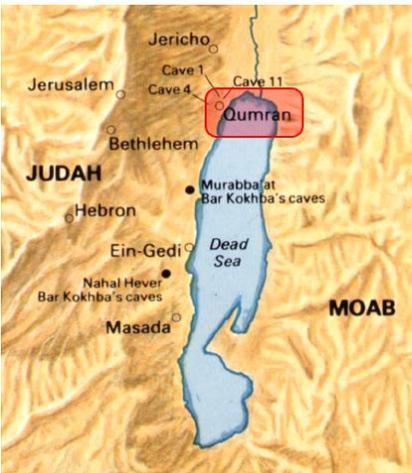
## Judaism and the Dead Sea Scrolls by Professor Gary A Rendsburg—Part 2

**Part 2** of the CD set is just as interesting as the first with more stories to tell.

Actually publishing the Hebrew / Aramaic / Greek texts took some time because not everything was discovered at the same time. Even going to the Dead Sea is a struggle in itself and then taking the equipment and personnel to find and document everything takes time. Problems of which government is in control of the area, who actually had the documents and how to publish them has more problems.



Then he details how the people at Qumran lived, what was discovered at the site and how that site relates to the caves where the documents were found. It is interesting to learn that there was great differences and even animosity between the Temple folk in Jerusalem and the Qumran group. Was this group one of the Essenes mentioned by Josephus? They certainly had a lot of similar practices.



How did the calendar and the Biblical cannon differ between Qumran and Jerusalem? He explains how we may suspect that calendars are important for different reasons.

Strange practices show up like rule of not allowing toileting on the Sabbath. Could they really have done that?

A really unique find is the Temple Scroll. Unlike all other books of the Bible this one details God’s instructions in the first person. They had a vision of establishing a temple in Jerusalem using this document as the governing document. Amazing!

Other strange things like a distinct Hebrew different from that in common use. And an amazing copper scroll with stories like we find in treasure maps.

When I got done listening to this tape I began to wonder if John the Baptist was from Qumran. You decide...

How does Christianity fit in with Qumran?

Both sets of CDs come with a course guidebook. The back of the book contains a timeline from B.C.E to C.E. 2007, (interesting in itself). Glossary, Pre-modern individuals and Modern Individuals.



**Blessing, Don Lewis**

### Operation Christmas Child (Shoebboxes)

Even though October was designed month to donate items for OCC, you can still bring items until November 12 when we will have our “shoobox packing party” following worship. Please remember that each box costs \$9 to ship. So whether or not you shop for items to go in the boxes, you can contribute to shipping fees. Cindy





## Family Learning Center

Eric & I recently had the pleasure to attend a fund-raising banquet for the Family Learning Center. What a great organization--

I wish I'd have known more about it when I was new to area and looking for something to do that would help the community and keep me from getting bored.

Everyone reading this probably already knows that it's located in San Juan del Centro, and some may think, as I had, that it was there only for the residents of that community. Actually, they work with BVSD to assist disadvantaged students from all over the district. Instead of working just with the students, they work with the entire family to help them visualize a way out of poverty, using their imaginations to hope for upward mobility and teach them the importance of giving back to society.

When Brenda Lyle first started FLC 36 years ago, they had 43 pre-schoolers, and this past year helped 1,800 students and their family members, for a total of 14,000 during this time. As well as preschool, after-school tutoring, all-day summer programs, they have weekly food distribution, health, wellness, physical fitness classes for entire family, and individuals, as well as family advocacy services.

100% of youth going through the program graduate high school; 80% go on to higher education, of which 68% finish college and 98% of the families become upwardly mobile.

The main speaker that evening said that if it weren't for community help and donations, he would not have been able to go to school because his family couldn't even afford school supplies. After doing well in high school, he had decided to take a year off, but made the "mistake" of telling Brenda Lyle, who put him in her car, drove him to FRCC, and waited 3 1/2 hours for him to take an assessment test. He is now director of a small medical device manufacturing company.

If you would like to tutor, donate money or school supplies, and/or help in other ways, you can contact them at 303-442-8879 or [www.flcboulder.org](http://www.flcboulder.org). - Cindy



Cindy with Andrea, a FLC graduate and current student at CU Boulder.



## News from the Deacons



**Caring Basket Oct.:** Operation Christmas Child; **Nov.:** CYAK; **Dec.:** Attention Homes Giving Tree

As one of the busiest times of the year fast approaches, please take some time to consider the deacon's Caring Basket for the next few months. During October we will be working on gathering items for Operation Christmas Child (OCC). Ask a deacon for a list of suggested items if you need some ideas. There will be an OCC packing party on November 12 following worship service, and the boxes will be delivered to the local drop-off location on the 20th.



November will once again be devoted to collecting gift cards for Covenant Youth of Alaska (CYAK). In December we will have a "giving tree" so that we can provide gifts for residents of Attention Homes. We would also like to adopt a family that we can provide food and gifts to. More information to follow on this once a family has been chosen.

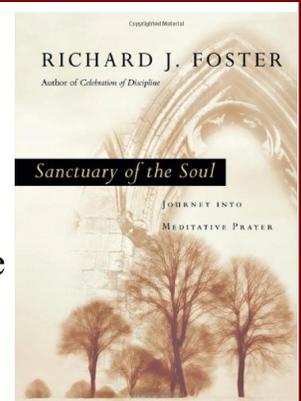
Ruth T.

## Eric's Preaching Schedule

Date	Primary & 2nd Text	Title	Series	Church Calendar
November 5	Daniel 3:14-30	Trial by Fire	Daniel: Life and Apocalypse	End Daylight Saving
Nov. 12	Daniel 5:1-6, 13-31	Writing on the Wall	Daniel: Life and Apocalypse	
Nov. 19	Daniel 6:1-28	Den of Lions	Daniel: Life and Apocalypse	Communion
Nov.26	Daniel 7:1-14 Excerpts from Daniel 7-12	Son of Man	Daniel: Life and Apocalypse	Christ the King Sunday
December 3	Isaiah 43:14-21 Luke 1:68-79	Don't Look Back!	Adventures in Advent	Advent Begins
Dec.10	Ezekiel 11:16-21 Luke 1:46-55	Heart for Adventure	Adventures in Advent	
Dec. 17	Matthew 1:18-25 Jeremiah 31:31-34	A Hidden Path	Adventures in Advent	
Dec. 24	Jonah 3:1-4:4 John 1:1-5, 14	X Marks the Spot	Adventures in Advent	Christmas Eve
Dec. 31	*****	[Fifth Sunday]	Attention Homes	Christmastide

### Adult Sunday School

Have you ever wondered about prayer? *What is its purpose; what is it accomplishing; why does God want me to pray?* Join the adult education class for an examination of prayer and a journey into deepening our prayer lives as we study together Richard Foster's *Sanctuary of the Soul*. Our first meeting will take place on Sunday, November 5th at 9:00am in the classroom. Eric



**Happy  
Thanksgiving and  
Merry Christmas**



### 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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