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Valmont VINTAGE

CELEBRATING *150 years* OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS!



Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



Pastor Eric

Lent has already begun, so this Vintage article cannot quite correspond with that pen- sive season of the Church. Easter will spring forth from the grave of Holy Week before this issue of the Vintage has run its course; however, being as though we are currently in Lent, I hardly feel as though I can write to the resurrection-activity of that season before we've arrived there.

I am at an impasse.

Sometimes that in between space is where we find ourselves — neither quite mourning nor rejoicing. Sometimes this is because everything is going along much as we'd expect, so there is nothing to ruffle our feathers. Sometimes this is because we just don't feel strongly enough about anything to warrant a strong emotional response. What are

we supposed to do when everything *just is*?

The adult education class on Sunday's at 9:00am has just begun studying the book of Acts, that explosive and exciting tale of the Church's early years; how it moved out of Jerusalem, into Judea, then Samaria, and finally to the ends of the earth. However, before any of those dramatic events could unfold, they first had to sit around and wait for the Holy Spirit to come and empower them. We have no sense that they knew how long to wait — how long they'd have to consider what their mission might look like. They spend these days rehashing the events that led up to Jesus' crucifixion and choose someone to replace Judas as an Apostle. Administrative work rather than the bold mission they'd been commissioned to fulfill.

This might not have seemed like the most exciting or pressing work to accomplish following the Lord of Life being raised from the dead. They were done with their mourning over his death, and perhaps even their excitement over his being raised had slightly waned since they weren't yet doing what they hoped to do. However, there is a little statement in Acts 1:14 that spoke to me about what to do in the impasse when we don't know exactly what to do next:

"They all joined together constantly in prayer."

It will not always be clear to us what we need to do in the moment — whether to mourn or rejoice; whether to act or to wait. However, there is always one thing that we can do which will help us as a community be dialed into the Lord's call upon our lives — we can constantly devote ourselves to prayer.

So, whether you're reading this in Lent or in Easter, this word applies. Let us consider how the Lord is calling us in this moment as we devote ourselves to prayer.

In Christ,
Eric

Ask a friend to join you.

You Have A Friend At Valmont!

Sunday School

9:00

Worship Service:

10:30

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Bulletin Board

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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:

Tremble Clef Choir 11am

Choir 5:45 pm

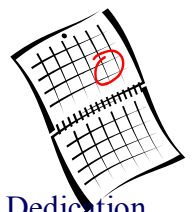
Every Thursday: Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

Parkinson's yoga group 11:30-2:pm

Every Friday – Valmont Victors 8-10 pm

Calendar

- 3/2-3/16 - Eric will be out of town, traveling to Israel
- 3/4 - No Adult Ed., Worship at 10:30am
(led by Rev. Scott Phillips)
- 3/11 - No Adult Ed., Worship at 10:30am
(led by Jenn Underwood) Daylight Saving Day
- 3/13 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm
- 3/18 - Education Hour At 9:00am,
Worship at 10:30am, Communion Sunday
- 3/20 - Session at 5:45pm
- 3/25 - Education Hour at 9:00am,
Worship at 10:30am, Palm Sunday
- 3/27 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm
- 3/29 - Maundy Thursday Service at 12:15pm
- 3/30 - Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7:00pm
- 3/31 - Easter Prep Day
- 4/1 - Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 am,
Easter Breakfast, no Education Hour,
Easter Worship at 10:30am
- 4/3 - Worship Team at 10:30am
- 4/8 - Education Hour at 9:00am,
Worship at 10:30am
- 4/10 - Deacons at 10:00am,
Round Pantry at 2:00pm
- 4/15 - Education Hour at 9:00am,
Worship at 10:30am, Kitchen Dedication
Sunday, Communion Sunday
- 4/17 - Session at 5:45pm
- 4/22 - Education Hour at 9:00am,
Worship at 10:30am
Mission Trip to Oklahoma
- 4/24 - Round Pantry at 2:00pm
- 4/28—Mission team returns from Oklahoma
- 4/29 - Fifth Sunday of Service



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Mission Project -- April 22-28, 2018

A group of us from Presbytery will be driving to Oklahoma to help one or more families who have been unable to live in their homes due to storm damage. They have been out of their homes for almost 3 years, but due to circumstances have been unable to rebuild on their own. We will be helping them to rebuild. Experienced builders are always in demand! What if you'd like to help, but do not have any prior building experience? No problem!! We have many wonderful handymen on our team who are more than willing (and patient) in explaining the details of a project. I've learned how to use a power nailer to install new subfloors, how to tile both walls and floors, how to install laminate flooring, and roof a house. No prior experience is needed, just a willingness to learn. We will be assigned our project(s) and lodging when it gets closer, so until then I can't really give you more specifics.

Until we learn more about our lodging, we won't know if a couple of dedicated cooks will be useful or not. In past years, when we've not stayed at a church camp with a dining hall, we've needed to leave work early in order to prepare dinner. The couple of years that we had people who signed up to cook for us were marvelous!

The cost is usually pretty low, as we carpool down and back, have inexpensive lodging and prepare most of our meals. The costs are divided among the participants. We'll know more as the time gets closer.

If you'd like to learn more or want to sign up, please let Cheryl know!



Pig Roasts and Potlucks



Apricot Walnut Bars From Deb G. kitchen



Ingredients:

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| ♦ 1 cup flour | * 1/4 cup sugar | * 1 stick butter |
| ♦ 1 cup of cut up dried apricots | * 2 eggs | * 1 cup brown sugar |
| ♦ 1 tsp. Vanilla | * 1/3 cup flour | * 1/2 tsp. Baking powder |
| ♦ 1/4 tsp salt | * 1 heaping cup chopped pecans | |

Heat oven to 350 degrees.

Mix flour and sugar, cut in butter. Pat into an 8x8 or 9x9?pan. Bake 25 minutes or until light brown. Remove from oven, set aside. Place cut up dried apricots in a two cup Pyrex measuring cup. Barely cover with water and microwave about two minutes; until just boiling, drain well and set aside. Beat eggs, brown sugar, Vanilla until well blended. In a separate bowl mix; flour, Baking powder & salt. Add to egg mixture till moistened. Add pecans and drained apricots. Pour over shortbread layer. Bake for 30 minutes. Cool in pan. Cut into 1 1/2 inch squares, and dust with powdered sugar.



Spotlight on new members David Purvis and Sally Simpson:

David Purvis is a new member from Longmont, brought to Valmont Church by Stephen and Dottyanne. In fact, he lives across the street from them.

He is a widower with 2 sons, a grandson in Germany, and twin granddaughters. He graduated from CU in 1962, is a CPA and CIA, has an MBA from DePaul University, and worked as an accountant for large corporations.

He was ordained as an Elder in the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Muncie, Indiana.

Sally Simpson was drawn to Valmont because Valmont church is small and Christ-centered. She is a widow with three sons and six grandchildren.

She enjoys bridge, politics, reading, gardening, and interior design.

She attended business school and worked as a real estate executive in New York City.

Sally was ordained as a Deacon in the First Presbyterian Church of Oyster Bay, New York.

Both David and Sally are warm, friendly, and an asset to our church. Do get acquainted with them.



Words of Wisdom from the Bible

We know some of the best known phrases from the Bible. However, some of the lesser known words are just as wise. ...

- ♦ **“What your hands find to do, they will do it with might.” Ecclesiastes 9:10**
- ♦ **“He who loves his wife loves himself.” Ephesians 5:28**
- ♦ **“The words of wise men are heard in quiet more than the cry of him that rule among fools.” Ecclesiastes 9:17**
- ♦ **“Lying lips are abomination to the Lord: But they who deal truly are his delight.” Proverbs 12:22**
- ♦ **“Man who is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble.” Job 14:1**
- ♦ **“A broken spirit drieth the bones.” Proverbs 28:1**
- ♦ **“The wicked flee when no man pursues. Proverbs 28:1**
- ♦ **“Neglect not the gift that is in thee.” 1 Timothy 4:14**

How did Jehoshaphat, the fourth king of Judah, get his odd nickname

Jehoshaphat reigned from 870 –848 B.C. It is believed he came to be known as “Jumping Jehoshaphat” when he threw a fit after a fleet he ordered constructed was lost in the Gulf of Akaba. (1 Kings 22:48)

Deacon basket for 2018

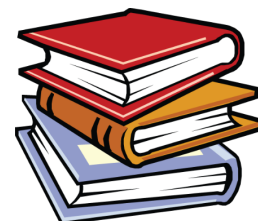


February	Family Learning Center	March	Presbyterian Disaster
	King Sooper Gift Cards		Assistance gift cards
April	CYAK gift cards	May	Round Pantry
June	Reverence Movement	July	Family Learning Center school supplies
August	Bags of Grace	September	Round Pantry
October	Operation Christmas Child	November	Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
December	Attention Homes "giving tree"		

The Library

We are a small church and we have a fairly small library. But you know, there are some very good books in this library and they are all available to you.

Several Sundays ago I noticed a book by Watchman Nee sitting on the light board. Though I had never read a book by him I knew he was a giant in Christian circles, I decided to take the book home and read it.



Watchman Nee, or Ni Tuosheng (Chinese: 倪柝声; pinyin: Ní Tuòshēng; November 4, 1903 – May 30, 1972), was a church leader and Christian teacher who worked in China during the 20th century. ... He established churches throughout China and held many conferences to train Bible students and church workers.

The book is “Sit, Walk, Stand”. He explains how in Ephesians the apostle Paul directs the Christian walk as first Sit vs:2:6, Walk vs:4:1 and then we are able to Stand vs:6:11. We have a tendency to get the sequence backwards.

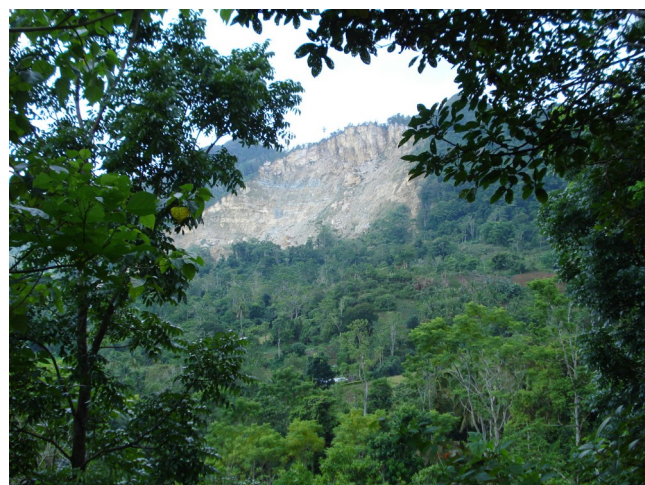
This is a thin book of only 64 pages with a wealth of help to us as we pursue our Christian life. Take a look in the classroom shelves but be careful, you might find a different book that catches your eye.

- Don Lewis

The PEACE CHILD by Don Richardson

An unforgettable story of primitive jungle treachery in the 20th century.

How do you tell a cannibal about love? Headhunting cannibals who used their victims' skulls as pillows, the Savi people of New Guinea seem to be living in the Stone Age. The heroes of Savi legend weren't those who took the greatest number of heads in battle or ambush, but those who were the most deceitful in befriending their victims before they took their heads. It was to these people that Don and Carol Richardson went in 1962, risking their lives to share the gospel and tell of the true Peach Child, a figure the Sawis knew vaguely from their own mythology. I encourage you to pick up the book from the table in back, sorry there is only one so bring it back for others. It is an amazing and eventually heartwarming story. – Don Lewis

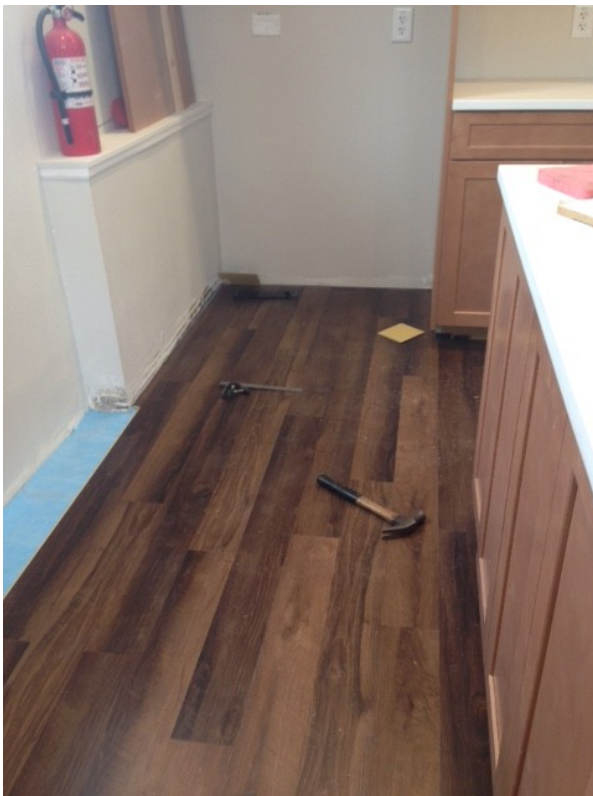




Our New Kitchen



Kitchen was used for the first time during the Lenten Soup Supper and then the memorial service for Scotty.



RENOVATION ACTION COMMITTEE !

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)



Praying for Stephen

Commissioning for Stephen Bird as he has joined and trained to be a first responder with PDA—Presbyterian Disaster Assistance



From Our Music Director ...



To the heartwarming congregation, I am humbled to be welcomed as worship and choir director here at Valmont Community Presbyterian Church. Instead of sharing things about me that you all might already know, I'd like to take this opportunity to share some things that perhaps you don't already know. My music studies began at the age of four when my mother started me on the violin. By the time I was eight years of age I

decided that I'd rather play the cello. The theme of my parents driving me to my weekly music lessons, and encouraging me to practice every day almost sounds like an excerpt from Malcolm Gladwell's book, *Outliers*.

Yes, accumulating 10,000 hours on my instrument has lead me to where I am today, however, an "outlier" is hardly how I would describe myself. What some may consider a "human" trait, musicians are, of course, no exception to having lingering self-doubt within oneself; which is where my experience at Valmont steps in. Through the last few years, being invited to play on the occasional church service and being around the congregation reminded me that the Lord has complete faith in me. This token from Valmont, especially since the beginning of the year, has been pinnacle in rekindling faith in myself.

I am delighted to be here with the welcoming congregation of Valmont. It is an absolute pleasure to share and make music with you all and I look forward to a season of enrichment with you all.

Best regards,

- Andrew



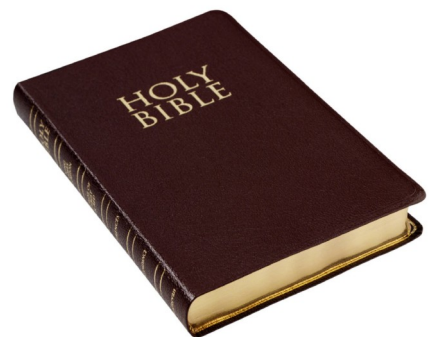
Eric's Preaching Schedule

Date	Primary & 2nd Text	Title	Series	Church Calendar
March 4		Guest Preacher, Rex Scott		
March 11		Guest Preacher, Jenn Underwood		Daylight Savings
March 18	Lamentations 3:1-66	Who is Strong?	Lamentations	Communion
March 25	Lamentations 4:1-5:22	Doesn't Have a Prayer	Lamentations	Plam/Passion Sunday
April 1	Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20	Easter Fools Days		Easter
April 8	Luke 24:13-35	Being Lost Together	Now What?	
April 15	1 Corinthians 10:14-17	Etiquette and Other Theological Quanderies	Now What?	Communion, Kitchen Dedication Service
April 22	Acts 2:42-47	Now What?	Now What?	
April 29		Fifth Sunday		Fifth Sunday

Adult Sunday School

Join us at 9:00am for an exciting look into the early life of the Church as we study the book of Acts. As always, Don will provide muffins.

3/4 - Eric will be in Israel
 3/11 - Eric will be in Israel
 3/18 - Acts 7-9
 3/25 - Acts 10-12
 4/1 - No Adult Ed. or Sunday School For Easter
 4/8 - Acts 13-15
 4/15 - Acts 16-18
 4/22 - Acts 19-21
 4/29 - No Adult Ed. For Fifth Sunday of Service



It's your Vintage

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