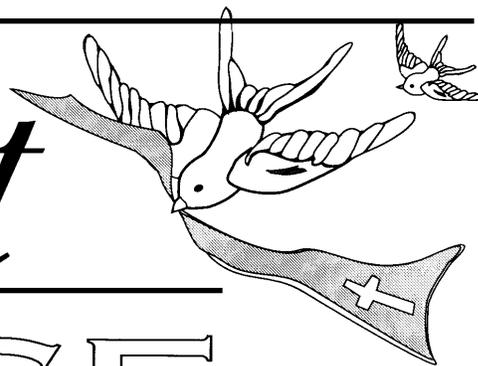


Valmont

VINTAGE



Mar/Apr 2010

Valmont Community Presbyterian Church

A Bird’s-Eye View ...

A Valmonter suggested that since the Olympics are in progress perhaps I could use the image of medal presentations and podium as a metaphor for Christ as King... Jesus victorious. As I thought about it, I realized the image didn’t go far enough. Jesus Christ is the victor and during this time of Lent we especially remember the struggle he went through. The Cross was a hard-earned victory, but there was no silver or bronze medal. Jesus won, or he lost. There could be



only one podium - for the victor. Jesus went to the Cross, death was defeated, and Jesus stands alone on the victory podium.

However, there are many other athletic references in the Bible and they certainly apply to the race we are running for Christ.

Hebrews 12:1 *Throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. (Can you imagine running a race with a tangled garden hose? Sin is like that hose. Give it to Jesus.)*

1 Corinthians 9:24 *Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. (As they say, “Leave in all on the field.” Don’t run half-hearted. Finish without regret.)*

Galatians 5:7 *You were running a good race. Who cut in on you and kept you from obeying the truth? (You are fit, well trained and the race is going according to plan....we live in a fallen world....your race will not go according to plan! Be alert and ready!)*

Acts 20:24 *I consider my life worth*

nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me--the task of testifying to the gospel of God’s grace. (Remember, you run not for your own glory, but for the Kingdom.)

2 Timothy 4:7 *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. (Run you race in such a way that at the finish line you can say, “Amen!”)*

in Christ’s service,
The Rev



Ask a friend to join you.

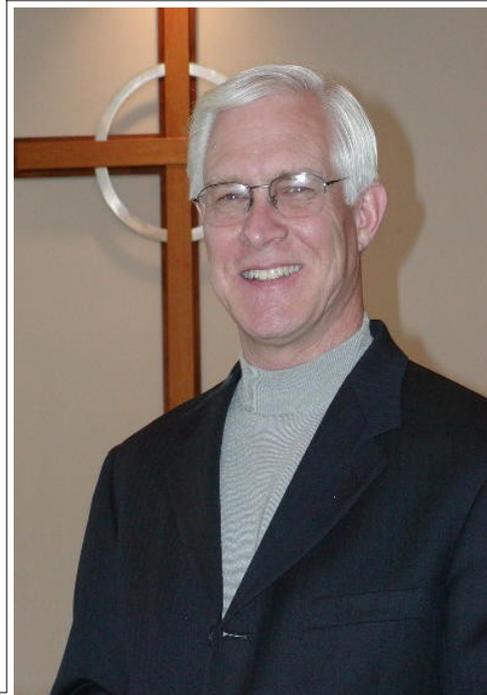
You Have A Friend At Valmont!

Sunday School: 9:00
Worship Service: 10:30

3262 N. 61st Street, Boulder
(61st Street & Valmont Road)

Pastor: Rev. Stephen Bird
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Bulletin Board



Judge Not!

I was shocked, confused, bewildered
As I entered Heaven's door,
Not by the beauty of it all,
Nor the lights or its decor.

But it was the folks in Heaven
Who made me sputter and gasp--
The thieves, the liars, the sinners,
The alcoholics and the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade
Who swiped my lunch money twice.
Next to him was my old neighbor
Who never said anything nice.

Herb, who I always thought
Was rotting away in hell,
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine,
Looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, 'What's the deal?
I would love to hear Your take.
How'd all these sinners get up here?
God must've made a mistake..

'And why is everyone so quiet,
So somber - give me a clue.'
'Hush, child,' He said, 'they're all in shock.
No one thought they'd be seeing you.'

Activities



Every Sunday – Iglesia meets 3:00-5:00pm

Every Thursday – Iglesia meets 7:00-9:00pm

Every Friday – AA meets 8:00-10:00pm

Every Tuesday—Choir meets 7:00

Feb 24, Mar 3, 10, 17: **Lent Film Series;**
6pm supper; 7pm movie.

Mar 7 - May 23, **Jeremiah Bible Study**

Mar 20-27: **Mission Trip:** : We will be sponsoring a
PDA mission trip to Houma, LA to do
hurricane recovery work.

Apr 2, Soup supper & **Tenebrae Service**

Apr 4, **Easter Services;** 6:30 (Sunrise) & 10:30

Apr 18, 4:00pm - **Choir concert** at Risen Savior Lutheran
Church, located on 144th Avenue in Broomfield .

Six Sundays of Lent are Feb 21 & 28, Mar 7, 14, 21, 28
(Mar 28 is Palm Sunday.)

Elders:

Cheryl Craig

Chris Brickey

David Hustvedt

Joyce Glazier

Clerk of Session:

Anne Harris-Cross

Deacons:

Stella May Montgomery

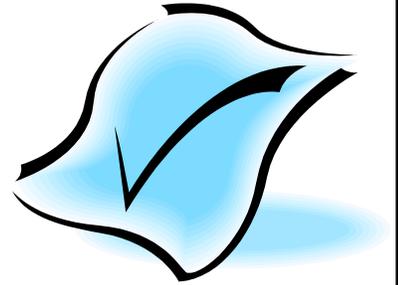
Ruth Tisdale

Dottyanne Bird

Summary of the Valmont Session Meeting

February 17, 2010

Present:: Moderator: Rev. Stephen Bird
 Elders: Chris Brickey, Cheryl Craig, Joyce Glazier, Dave Hustvedt
 Guests: Ruth Lewis, Treasurer; Debbie Starin, Recording Secretary
 Excused: Anne Harris-Cross, Clerk of Session



Treasurer's Report:

Income YTD: \$11,599.90 (General Offering: \$8,913.00; Interest Earned: \$1,161.90; Memorial Gifts: \$1,525.00).
 Expenses: \$8,585.65. General Operating Overage: \$327.35

IT WAS VOTED: Of the \$1,525.00 Strickler Memorial Fund, \$300 is allocated to the Music Program and \$1,225.00 is allocated to the Valmont Amateur Astronomy Group, taking into consideration the family's wishes.

IT WAS VOTED: \$300 of grocery card money will be allocated to the Nurturing line item for the 2010 budget.

IT WAS VOTED: A \$400 scholarship was approved to allow a congregant to participate in the Houma mission trip.

IT WAS VOTED: \$250 of the 2010 mission trip scholarship will be allocated from grocery card income. The balance of \$150 will be allocated from the special offering authorized for the trip.



IT WAS VOTED (with Joyce Glazier abstaining): The Wurlitzer piano will be given to Ashley Glazier contingent upon her arranging to have the piano moved.

Next Session meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 15, 2010, at 5:30 p.m.

Pig Roasts and Potlucks

Ingredients:

- ◆ 4 large portobello mushroom caps
- ◆ 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper, divided
- ◆ 1 cup finely chopped fresh spinach
- ◆ 2 tablespoons finely chopped kalamata olives
- ◆ 3/4 cup prepared marinara sauce

- * 1/4 teaspoon salt
- * 1 cup part-skim ricotta cheese
- * 1/2 cup finely shredded Parmesan cheese,
- * 1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning



Preparation: Serves 4

1. Preheat oven to 450°F. Coat a rimmed baking sheet with cooking spray.
2. Place mushroom caps, gill-side up, on the prepared pan. Sprinkle with salt and 1/8 teaspoon pepper. Roast until tender, 20 to 25 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, mash ricotta, spinach, 1/4 cup Parmesan, olives, Italian seasoning and the remaining 1/8 teaspoon pepper in a medium bowl. Place marinara sauce in a small bowl, cover and microwave on High until hot, 30 seconds to 1 1/2 minutes.
4. When the mushrooms are tender, carefully pour out any liquid accumulated in the caps. Return the caps to the pan gill-side up. Spread 1 tablespoon marinara into each cap; cover the remaining sauce to keep warm. Mound a generous 1/3 cup ricotta filling into each cap and sprinkle with the remaining 1/4 cup Parmesan. Bake until hot, about 10 minutes. Serve with the remaining marinara sauce.



NEWS all the way from Timbuktu—yeah really!

Nouh pastors a little fellowship in Timbuktu where believers are definitely a minority. The spiritual climate there can be discouraging and dangerous, and he has been persecuted for his faith by family and many others. Pastor Nouh saw that his flock needed the foundation of Scripture in the Tamasheq language and requested help to bring that about.

One day a highly esteemed warrior/officer came a distance to see Nouh. He reported that hundreds of people in the northern desert saw the same vision: a man, hovering above the ground, holding a book. They all identified the man as Jesus. Visions are foundational in this culture, and interpreters of visions are revered; but that this officer came to a Christian pastor for vision interpretation was unheard of! "I was sincerely nervous!" Nouh laughs. "I just tried to keep calm and share what I know about the coming back of Jesus."

Later, the owner of a local radio station asked Pastor Nouh to talk about the return of Jesus on the radio, which launched a weekly broadcast. The program met a deep hunger in many listeners and soon Pastor Nouh was being asked to teach at schools, hotels, offices, and even a university.

God has been preparing Tamasheq hearts for His written Word, and you can be a part of His unfolding story by praying for them, the translation, and Nouh. No doubt it was prayer that brought Jesus to them in a vision—a way that uniquely matches their culture....

Stu & Edith Nelson



Lou Ann and Elaine measure sugar to be given to a food pantry.

Valmont Women's Association in Action.



Rita, Stella May, Elaine and Lynn convert shirts into children's hospital gowns for a hospital in Africa.

CHOIR COLLABORATION CONCERT



Valmont Choir will be presenting a concert in collaboration with the choirs from First United Methodist Church in Lafayette and Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Broomfield on Sunday, April 18th. The concert will feature each choir singing pieces individually and all together. Selections will range from classical to contemporary and will represent the journey through Lent to Easter. The concert will take place at Risen Savior Lutheran Church, located on 144th Avenue in Broomfield, time TBA. A free-will donation will be collected to benefit a cause yet to be decided. We will also be collecting canned goods at the door to donate to a local food bank. Please come enjoy beautiful music, fellowship and

an extension of the Easter celebration! Listen for announcements with more details in the near future. -Nicole



Why do we love children?

Just an Opinion



On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, 'The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents.'

A Little Time to Ketchup

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone.. 'Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle.'

Lost

A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, 'What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?'

To Serve and Protect

While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, I was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old. Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked, 'Are you a cop? Yes,' I answered and continued writing the report My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police. Is that right?' 'Yes, that's right,' I told her. 'Well, then,' she said as she extended her foot toward me, 'would you please tie my shoe?'



Property Matters

Property Smatterings: Something only the men will notice, one of the urinals which were converted to waterless has been removed and a true Waterless urinal installed in its place. The intent is to reduce both the odors and water required with water types of urinals.

Thanks to the help of Thor Berg, the main entrance door has been corrected and now shuts properly.

Lou Ann has installed additional shelves in the Fellowship Hall storage closet. She also arranged for the removal of the old tables. Now there is room to place the lighter plastic tables in the closet.

Two new lights have been installed at the entrances to the Fellowship Hall. This was required so we can get the stucco building permit closed. The east one is permanently on while the south one is on a motion sensor. Any thoughts as to if they should be this way?

Well, that is about it for property - Don Lewis,



DEACONS' NEWS BOX

Deacons news.....

What do you do when you feel overwhelmed or alone or find yourself in a desperate situation? If you're like so many others, you start out trying to ignore the situation, hoping it will resolve itself. When that doesn't work you may turn to a trusted friend or family member. Just talking about the problem often helps, but seldom changes the circumstances. At times like that, don't forget that Valmont has resources to help.



Let's start with the Deacons -- Just what do the Deacons DO? We all know about the basket in the back of the sanctuary that fills up each month with donated items for various organizations around Boulder county, but what else do they do? The Deacons purpose is to assist Valmont members, friends and the community with emotional, practical, and financial support, including visits, cards, transportation, prayers and monetary gifts.



It sounds simple enough. It's easy to take up a collection of items and deliver them to the appropriate agency, but our job should encompass more than that. And, because it's more than that we need your help. Often we are hindered in our service because we just don't know who or how to help! Maybe this doesn't sound very "Christian", but sometimes we need you to "snitch" on your friend! We can be a sounding board and/or provide practical support depending on the need . . . IF we know who to help.

Your Deacons for 2010 are Stella May, Ruth Tisdale and Dottyanne. Please help us do our job! We're waiting to hear from YOU

Caring Basket:

March - Real Choices—diapers (size 4 and 5) and infant formula

April - Migrant bags (in conjunction with the Women's Association) - underwear and toiletries



God's Very Special Gift!

When it comes to Valmont's expressions of love and concern, we just don't have words that adequately describe our gratitude and level of encouragement that comes to us. Cards, sweet fellowship, hugs, notes, gifts, and now this. The Valmont community has been God's very special gift of love to us.

Please express our deep appreciation to the friends we have at Valmont!

Warmly, gratefully, Stu & Edith



Valmont Amateur Astronomy Group



STAR PARTY



Anne and John check out the ice cap of Mars.



Laura and Christian get their turn at the Valmont Amateur Astronomy Group telescope.



After many false starts the weather finally cooperated and several Valmonters braved the cold night to take a look through VAAG's 12 inch telescope.

Bible Study Humor Submitted by Dottyanne

(You never know what kids are going to say!!)



LOT 'S WIFE

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot 's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, 'My Mommy looked back once while she was driving,' he announced triumphantly, 'and she turned into a telephone pole!'

GOOD SAMARITAN

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class, 'If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?' A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, 'I think I'd throw up.'

DID NOAH FISH?

A Sunday school teacher asked, 'Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark ? 'No,' replied Johnny. 'How could he, with just two worms.'

MOSES AND THE RED SEA

Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday School. 'Well, Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt . When he got to the Red Sea , he had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved.'

'Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?' his Mother asked.

'Well, no, Mom. But, if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!'



THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little Rick was excited about the task - but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line.

On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, 'The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know.'

UNANSWERED PRAYER

The preacher's 5 year-old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day, she asked him why.

'Well, Honey,' he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages. 'I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon.' 'How come He doesn't answer it?' she asked.



ALL MEN / ALL GIRLS

When my daughter, Kelli, said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past). For several weeks, after we had finished the nightly prayer, Kelli would say, 'And all girls.' This soon became part of her nightly routine, to include this closing. My curiosity got the best of me and I asked her, 'Kelli, why do you always add the part about all girls?'

Her response, 'Because everybody always finish their prayers by saying 'All Men!'

It's your Vintage

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