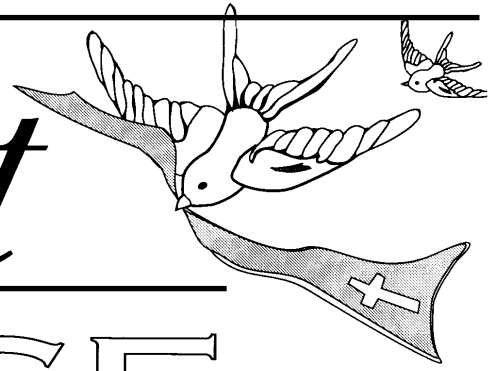


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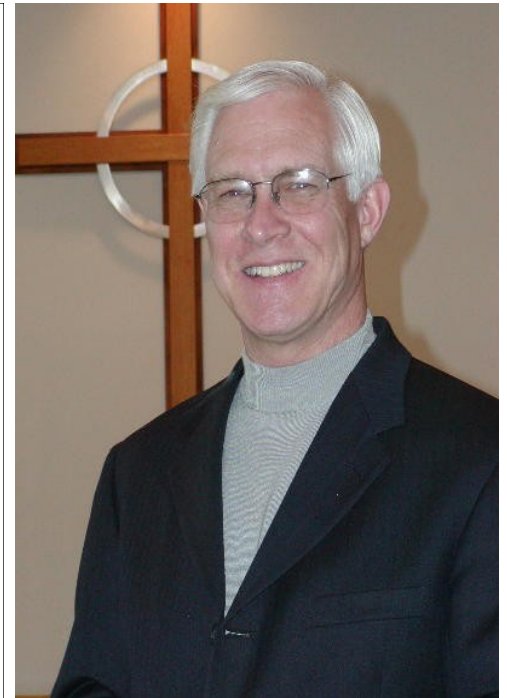
Valmont Community Presbyterian Church

A Bird’s-Eye View ...

When I think of jars I usually think of canning peaches or looking for jelly. But lately jars have been put in a whole new context for me. That is because I have been getting to know about JAARS. JAARS used to be known as Jungle Aviation and Radio Service. At its inception it was conceived to shorten the lines of communication for translators working in the remote reaches of (you guessed it) the jungle. JAARS provided airlift and radio to Wycliffe translators whose only other connection with the outside world may have been by long journeys

on foot or canoe.

JAARS is a division of Wycliffe Bible Translators and its mission in the 21st century has expanded to meet the widely diversified needs of a world-wide mission. JAARS still provides aviation and radio support to missionaries throughout the world, but has expanded to encompass almost every aspect of transportation and communication. They teach missionaries how to four-wheel drive; provide solar powered satellite links to missionaries; captain ships that supply tiny islands; and develop software to aid translation. These are but a few drops in the very large bucket of JAARS projects.



My last sabbatical (working with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) was an experience that influenced me profoundly. I am excited to see what new growth and experience we will have with JAARS. If you would like to follow along on our adventure I encourage you to “friend” me on FaceBook, as I will be regularly posting photos and comments there. If you are not into FaceBook, send me your email address and I will send out periodic e-missives.

Ask a friend to join you.

You Have A Friend At Valmont!

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

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I became interested in JAARS when I began investigating ways to invest my sabbatical time this year. I discovered that they have a wide variety of needs, both short and long term that need to be filled. We will be leaving February 7th for five weeks of volunteer work at the main JAARS base in Waxhaw, North Carolina (near Charlotte.) I will be working with the aircraft maintenance folks there, in a capacity yet to be determined. Dottyanne is able to go along with me this time and will be volunteering in some other area.

in Christ's service,
The Rev

Bulletin Board

Elders:

Claudette Moloney-Walpole *Chris Brickey*
David Hustvedt *Joyce Glazier*

Clerk of Session: *Deb Starin*

Deacons:

Ruth Tisdale
Dottyanne Bird
Ken Crowe

Treasurer: *Ruth Lewis*

Activities



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

Every Tuesday—Choir meets at 7 pm

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

Every Friday – AA meets 8:00-10:00pm



Pig Roasts and Potlucks

Scandinavian Fruit Soup (dessert) From the kitchen of Ella Travis

Ingredients:

- * 2 cups dried apricots (11 oz.)
- * 1 cup raisins (5 oz.)
- * 3 cups apple juice
- * 1/2 cup sugar
- * 2 cups pitted dried prunes (11 oz.)
- * 1 quart water
- * 2 cups orange juice
- * 2 cinnamon sticks

Directions:

Place fruit, water, juices, sugar, and cinnamon sticks in large saucepan. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, cover, and simmer until fruit is soft. Thicken the above mixture with cornstarch and/or minute tapioca to the consistency you prefer. Remove cinnamon sticks. Cool. Serve cold & makes about 10 cups. Can be topped with whipped cream and almonds. (Some people also use whole cloves in this soup.)



The Christmas Water Leak

Sunday, December 19, Valmonters were greeted by buckets, fans and dehumidifiers. A pipe had frozen the day before and flooded the sanctuary.



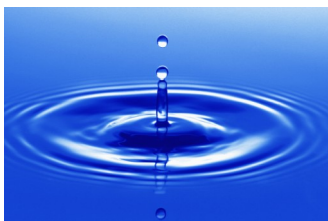
Damage was significant. Technicians remove water-soaked wallboard and insulation in order to dry structural members. The carpet and pews also sustained appreciable damage.



A few days before Christmas and all through the Craig's house ... the choirs were rehearsing ...



Service was held in Fellowship Hall.





Music Ministry

Thank you to all those who came caroling with the choir! We had a great time of fellowship and were able to visit five members from the Valmont community at their homes. We hope that the caroling was as much a blessing to those who heard as it was to those of us who sang!



Thank you, as well, to all of those who participated in music during the Advent and Christmas season. Your commitment to furthering Christ's kingdom through music is a wonderful example for all of us. I truly appreciate you!

Lastly, a big "thank you" to the Craig family who hosted choir and handbells when the sanctuary was out of commission. We had a great time practicing at their house and were very grateful for a location to rehearse with working heat!

Choir resumes Tuesday, January 11th at 7:00 in the Sanctuary. Please feel free to join us! - Nicole



The Jamaica Connection

In these pictures, Chris dressed up as Santa for a small party we helped with at our hotel in Jamaica for local kids. Chris handed out gifts to all the kids and I helped with serving ice cream. It was a wonderful experience to meet the kids and celebrate Christmas with them.

- Andrea



DEACONS' NEWS BOX

Deacons news...

Your Deacons for 2011 are Ken Crowe, Ruth Tisdale and Dottyanne. Please help us do our job! We're waiting to hear from YOU

At the local level, please remember that the deacons are eager at all times to help with the needs of our own members and appreciate your help in identifying those who might like a phone call, visit or some other expression of care. Contact Ruth Tisdale, Dottyanne or Ken Crowe



What does the LORD require of you?

Submitted by Dottyanne

We sometimes sing a praise chorus on Sunday mornings, that asks, "And what does the LORD require of you?"

The answer is found in both the Old and New Testaments: "To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8 and Matthew 22:36-40)

A phrase that I have heard from childhood answers the question this way: We are to give God "our prayers, our praise, our gifts and our service".

Our Prayers – God wants to hear from us. He knows our thoughts, our desires, our problems. . . but he wants us to talk to Him about them – just as a parent wants his child to talk things over with him. We call this "having a relationship". The best relationships are those in which the people involved openly and honestly share the intimate details of their lives, trusting that they are sharing them with someone who will honor that trust. God already knows the desires of your heart – and He knows the ramifications of those desires. Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart. --Ps37:4.



Our Praise -- Gods wants us to acknowledge His relationship with us and the role that He plays in our lives. There's a trust factor here. We must trust that God truly does know all the ramifications of our requests and will answer in ways that will bring about positive results – not just what we want, but what is best in the situation. (I don't know about you, but I'll take "best" over "good" any day)... We must praise Him for who He is – even before we see our prayers answered the way we think best. In the garden, Christ prayed, "not my will, but Thine". The stakes were pretty high for Him at that point, yet He was able to say, "I trust you, Father". (Might "trust" be another word for "praise"?)



Our Gifts -- This is the hardest thing for us to do -- and God knows it! It is hard for us to give as He gives, but it is, nevertheless, our responsibility to show our appreciation for His gifts to us by returning something tangible to Him. He asks for a tithe – 10% -- "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." (Malachi 3:10) How can we give 10% when we have so many other places to put our money? Put the Lord to the test and see how He answers.

Our Service -- This is similar to giving our gifts, in that it costs us something – our time. Time spent serving Him by serving others, certainly, but also time serving Him by our presence in His house on Sunday morning. Why is that important? "Come" continued on page 6 ...

Gift Card Ministry ...

(Cut and save this list)

Did you know that gift cards are an important part of the ministry here at Valmont. The proceeds from the gift card sales are used to augment the finances used by the deacons and some other projects. All of the gift cards available at the Safeway and King Soopers "Gift Card Mall" are available to you including the following and more:

AMC Movies	Barns and Noble	Bass Pro Shops	Bed Bath and Beyond
Bennigan's	Best Buys	Black Angus	Blockbuster
Bonanza	Borders	Chart House	Chilis
Circuit City	Dave & Busters	Foot Locker	GAP
Home Depot	iTunes	J C Penny	Joe's Crab Shack
King Soopers	Kohls	Landry's	Lowe's
Macaroni Grill	Marriott	Nordstorm	Old Navy
Olive Garden	On the Border	Papa John's	Pier 1
Pizza Hut	Ponderosa	Radio Shack	Red Lobster
Safeway	Sears	Starbucks	Steak n Ale
Target	Toys Are Us	and more ...	

The church purchases these cards at a discount and sells them to you at face value. Gift cards are easier to use than either cash or credit cards. We only accept cash and checks for the purchases. If you are willing to help by selling the cards to your relatives or neighbors let me know and I will explain how to do it. We buy all of our gasoline using these cards and it seems we use a lot. Most of the newer Safeway and King Soopers stores have these gas stations. Thank you, Don Lewis

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we are told in Micah 4:2 . . . "He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." But, we say, "Sunday morning is my only time to . . ." Psalm 122:1 says, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." It is in His house with His people that we are encouraged to be the witnesses He needs us to be. It is there that we start our week with Him as He calls and equips us to be His hands and feet in the world. It is there that we gather the strength we will need for the week ahead.

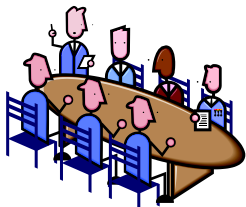
Session report

The transition is done.

Anne Harris-Cross is the official Clerk for 2010.

She is mentoring Deb Starin for 2011

, who has been appointed Recording Secretary for the session. The Deb does all the actual minutes, etc. Anne signs her name and does necessary official stuff. Now, this year Deb is the Clerk.



From Claudette ...

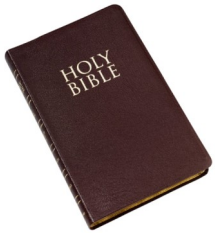
“Train up a child in the way he should go, and
when he is old he will not depart from it”

Proverbs 22:6



Ever thought about volunteering to help with our children’s ministry? Have you been concerned that you would be at a loss as to what to say and do with them for the entire length of the service? Or, perhaps, you’ve wondered how to craft a children’s sermon? Sermons4Kids is a wonderful resource available for free on the web. The featured ‘children’s sermons’ and activities are centered around scripture and easily adaptable to a variety of ages.

Each week a different scripture pulled from the liturgical calendar is highlighted. The lesson is clearly tied to that scripture as are the songs, crafts and games. The beauty of the suggested activities is that they require minimal materials and preparation. Also, choices abound. If, for example, a particular scripture or lesson does not resonate with you, an alternate scripture/ lesson is always provided. If you like neither choice, the site’s archives are a mouse click away.



So, next time that you feel that gentle, Holy Spirit nudge, boot up your computer and check out Sermons4Kids. Then, join us in this vital ministry.

From Claudette ...

A Matter of Semantics or of Salt?

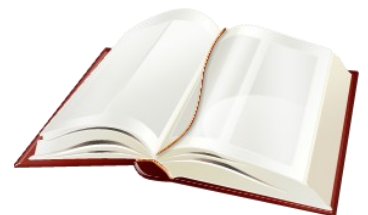
“A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver” Proverbs 25:11

Words matter! So much of what emerges from one’s mouth can reflect the culture instead of reflecting the fact that we are part of a people “set apart for the gospel of God”(Romans 1:1).

For instance, how often has one said, “good luck” to someone facing a challenge? “Good luck” seems

a remarkably inadequate phrase with which to send a young person off to a war zone or provide comfort to a person apprehensive about an upcoming job interview. To say, “God bless you” seems a bit sanctimonious. Instead, I have been practicing saying, “blessings” or “God be with you” and believe those sentiments are a more accurate summation of my world view.

Recently, though, I had pause for thought. Informed that the computers were down for an extended time at the public library, I took it in stride; the librarian remarked upon my cheerful acceptance of the situation; I said, “it’s a zen moment” when what I meant to say was, “it’s a Jesus moment” – or, perhaps, “a moment of Grace”. “Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone” (Col.4:6).



Benefit Concert ...



There is a piano fundraiser at First Presbyterian Church on Jan. 30th. The money will go toward a new piano in the Chapel. There will be 5 "dueling" pianos, and other featured solos.

Contact Maggie Fries for more information

LIFE IS...

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.

Life is beauty, admire it.

Life is a dream, realize it.

Life is a challenge, meet it.

Life is a duty, complete it.

Life is a game, play it.

Life is a promise, fulfill it.

Life is sorrow, overcome it.

Life is a song, sing it.

Life is a struggle, accept it.

Life is a tragedy, confront it.

Life is an adventure, dare it.

Life is luck, make it.

Life is too precious, do not destroy it.

Life is life, fight for it.

by Mother Theresa

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