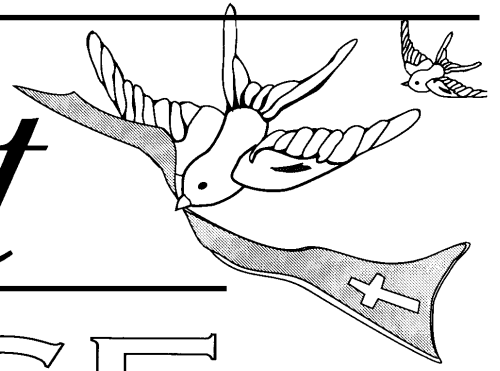


Valmont VINTAGE



Mar/Apr 2012

Valmont Community Presbyterian Church

What is Preaching?

Like the good Presbyterian that I am, I have come up with a three point answer to this question. It is my humble response to a profound question.

The Word of God

A sermon is the Word of God *proclaimed*. Jesus Christ, the Word become flesh, is the Word of God *incarnate*. Scripture is the *written* Word of God. This tripartite understanding of the Word of God comes from Karl Barth, the most influential theologian of the 20th Century. According to Barth, both Scripture and a sermon, the latter of which is founded upon the former, should point to or witness to Jesus, in whom humanity finds the full measure of God’s self revelation. For a sermon to be the Word of God, then, the preacher must fully



rely on the Spirit. *If* a preacher grounds her/his sermon in Scripture, and *if s/he* prepares in a way which includes openness and submission to the Spirit, *then* a sermon can be said to be the Word of God.

Worship

A sermon, the Word of God proclaimed, cannot be a sermon if it does not occur in the context of worship. The other elements of worship are prayer, the presence of the Sacraments, and the offerings of the people, such as worship hymns or songs. When all of these elements are present, worship becomes a conversation with the Triune God. Prayer and song are ways we speak to God, and the Sacraments and the sermon enable our *listening* to God.

A Dialogue

Thirdly, a sermon is a *dialogue*

between the preacher and those who hear. Ostensibly, of course, a sermon seems to be more of a monologue. It is rare for a preacher to ask for questions or comments from those in the congregation. A faithful preacher does, however, listen to a given text *on behalf of a faith community*. All of the hours that go into sermon preparation—prayer, examination of the original language, consulting commentaries, writing of the manuscript, and preparing to preach—are done with a particular church community in mind. Those who hear a sermon, then—and Scripture names those who hear as blessed (Rev. 1:3)—are given a chance to respond to a sermon with *the way they live their lives*. It is in this way that a sermon truly becomes a dialogue. The preacher listens to Scripture on behalf of a faith community, and the faith community responds, in the Spirit, through changed lives. It is in this way that worship extends well beyond Sunday morning and becomes integrated into our daily lives.

A sermon is a sermon because it is the Word of God, to the extent that it is Spirit-filled and based on Scripture, and because it occurs in the context of worship and invites a response from those who hear. A preacher “interprets the countryside,” to use a phrase from a friend who once described to me his role as a guide with the Railroad Museum on the train rides between Sacramento and Reno. The rides of those who go on these journeys are richer because of this commentary, and so too, prays the preacher, are the lives of those who hear the words of a sermon.

In Him,

Pastor Jeff Hoffmeyer

Ask a friend to join you.

You Have A Friend At Valmont!

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

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CALENDAR

March 4: Second Sunday in Lent.

Sermon title: "Put Down the Hammer"

March 11: Third Sunday in Lent.

Jubilate performs at Valmont

March 18: Fourth Sunday in Lent with communion.

Sermon title: "Life Together"

March 21st: Session

March 24-31: Joplin Mission Trip

March 25: Fifth Sunday in Lent.

Sermon title: "Shush"

April 1st: Palm Sunday -

Joplin Mission Team Presents!

April 5th: Maundy Thursday

April 6th: Good Friday

April 8th: Resurrection Sunday!



Weekly Activities

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

Every Thursday – Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

Every Friday – AA meets 8:00-10:00 pm

Every Tuesday—Choir meets
7:00 to 8:30 pm



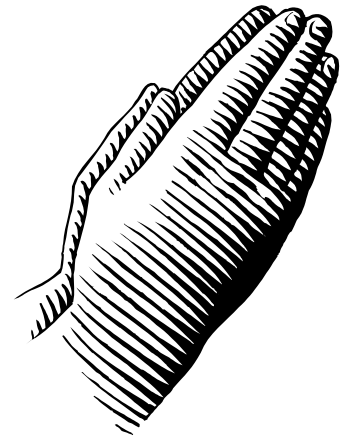
Dear Valmont Family...

Our thoughts and prayers have been with you there at Valmont a lot recently. We were *so* hoping the Lord was going to do something spectacular for Ken and Shirley over the last months. Then we dearly wished to get to Colorado to say goodbye to Ken. And we longed to be there for the funeral at least. When we called to ask Trevor if he could be there “for us” he was already planning to go, and took a bit of video from the back of the church, then sent it right away. So we *were* there, looking over your shoulders, grieving with you for a warm, wise, wonderful man of God that we all have to *wait* to see again.

It’s clear that we weren’t made for this world in its fallen state—for what feels like a great rift between time and eternity with all its grievous goodbyes. We’re grateful to God that He designed us for a perfect eternity with Himself and one another, but meanwhile it’s so painful to be separated!

Looking forward with you to the great, forever, Family Reunion.

Stu & Edith Nelson



Pig Roasts and Potlucks



Oreo Truffles

Ingredients:

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| 1 –18oz | Chocolate sandwich cookies with white filling, finely crushed |
| 1-8oz | Cream cheese, softened |
| 1 lb | White baking chocolate, melted |

Directions:

In large bowl combine crushed cookies and cream cheese. Beat with mixer on low speed until well blended. Form 1-inch balls by hand. Dip balls in white chocolate; place on baking sheet covered with waxed paper. Refrigerate 1 hour or until firm. To store, cover and refrigerate. Makes 50 truffles



CLERK'S REPORT Submitted by Deb Starin

Voted and Approved by the Session

January 11, 2012



1. Ruth Lewis will cull financial records according to IRS regulations with the help of Joyce Glazier or Ella Travis.
2. Communion will be served at the January 27, 28 Leadership Retreat.
3. A Microphone Committee, including Pastor Jeff, Davis Hustvedt, Don Lewis and Tony London, is authorized to determine the best solution to sound systems problems and to spend up to \$750.00 for a new MIC system.

January 28, 2012

1. The Annual Statistical Report was accepted subject to verification of the of age distribution report.
2. Ruth Lewis was elected as the 2012 Treasurer.
3. David Hustvedt and Joyce Glazier were elected as 2012 Trustees.
4. Communion will continue to be served on the third Sunday of the month in 2012. Communion dates are as follows: February 19, March 18, April 6, April 15, May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19, September 16, October 7, October 21, November 18, December 16, and at the Women's Retreat on September 16, providing a Minister of the Word and Sacrament is present.
5. Special 2012 offerings will include: One Great Hour of Sharing, April 1; Special Offering for Joplin Mission Trip, March 11; Peace Offering, October 14; and Christmas Joy Offering, December 9.
6. Presbytery Commissioners for 2012 will be as follows:
 - * Kara Perme and Joyce Glazier at Timnath, Colorado on February 10, 11;
 - * Joyce Glazier and David Hustvedt at Highlands Camp on May 4, 5;
 - * Chris Brickey and Joyce Glazier at Sydney, Nebraska on August 11;
 - * Joyce Glazier and Chris Brickey at Akron, Colorado on October 26, 27.
7. Church Women United will use the sanctuary for observance of World Day of Prayer on March 2.
8. The Parkinson Group's Trembler Cleft Choir, will use the sanctuary for choir rehearsals on Thursdays, pending signature of a hold harmless agreement.
9. Beginning January 1, 2012, Nicole London's salary will also include half of Denise Pelusch's salary until a substitute accompanist begins work.
10. The substitute accompanist will be paid the equivalent of Denise Pelusch's salary, reported with an IRS 1099 form.



February 15, 2012

1. The Nominating Committee, including Rex Craig, Scott Starin, Lou Ann Hustvedt, and Elder Chris Brickey, with Pastor Jeff and Session's input, will determine who will be on the Mission Study Team.
2. Summit Wood Door refinishing company's bid of \$1,707.50 was approved for the repair of all exterior doors. This amount will come from the property budget.
3. Children's Ministry will continue using the Gospel Light curriculum for the remainder of the 2012 school year.

Deb Starin,
Clerk of Session

DEACONS' NEWS BOX

Deacons news...

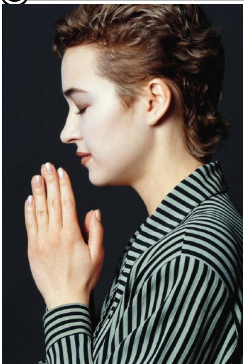
Your Deacons for 2012 are Ruth Tisdale and Judy Holmes
 . Please help us do our job! We're waiting to hear from YOU



Caring Basket: For the month of March the deacons have a new Caring Basket! We will be collecting items for Covenant Youth of Alaska (CYAK). Many of you attended the presentation by Adam and Shirleen London (brother and sister-in-law of Tony London) last November. Adam has provided a "wish list" of things that would help in their ministry to CYAK. The list will be an insert in the March bulletin or you can ask a deacon for one.

In April we will continue to support the Women's Association by collecting items for the migrant worker's bags. A list of suggested items will be in the bulletin in April.

Submitted by Ruth T.



"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." ~ Winston Churchill



Just a Thought

The most destructive habit.....Worry
 The greatest Joy.....Giving
 The greatest loss.....Loss of self-respect
 The most satisfying work.....Helping others
 The ugliest personality trait.....Selfishness
 The most endangered species.....Dedicated leaders
 Our greatest natural resource.....Our youth
 The greatest "shot in the arm".....Encouragement
 The greatest problem to overcome.....Fear
 The most effective sleeping pill.....Peace of mind
 The most crippling failure disease.....Excuses
 The most powerful force in life.....Holly Spirit—Love

The world's most incredible computer.....The brain
 The worst thing to be without.....Hope
 The deadliest weapon.....The tongue
 The two most power-filled words....."I Can"
 The greatest asset.....Faith
 The most worthless emotion.....Self-pity
 The most beautiful attire.....Smile!
 The most prized possession.....Integrity
 The most contagious spirit.....Enthusiasm
 The quickest way to change your life Prayer
 The best place to find support Prayer
 Just a Thought!

Westview Presbyterian Church and Plains and Peaks Presbytery Mission Trips to Help in the Rebuilding of Joplin, Missouri

March 24 – 30, 2012

Five Valmonters are traveling to Joplin, MO to help rebuild homes. You may recall that a massive tornado completely destroyed a significant portion of the town last spring. Many people are trying to get their homes rebuilt after losing everything. We will be working with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in conjunction with "Catholic Charities of South Missouri".



Before and After

How can you help?

1) Pray- As we will be driving over 1200 miles each way, as well as working on job sites, we would welcome your prayers for safety. We would also request your prayers for the family or families with which we will be working. Their lives have been completely uprooted. 2) Monetary assistance - We will be collecting a special offering on

March 11 to purchase Home Depot gift cards to take to Joplin. When the organizers heard that our group will be bringing funds, they were very appreciative and said the funds were desperately needed.

**Sixteen people are going on this mission trip.
Pray for the safety and success of the trip.**

Dennis Hurianek, Nancy Hurianek, Barbara Hainer, Dale Grit, Bob Johnson, Cheryl Craig, Ruth Tisdale, Tony London, Allen Hughes, DiAnne Hughes, Steve Brewer, Mike Greever, Fritz Guenther, Bret Whartman, Dixie Anders, Don Lewis



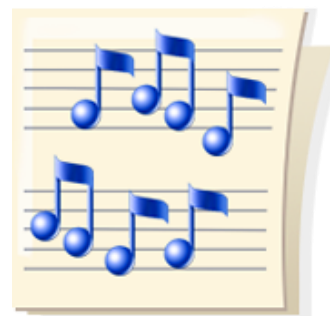
Jubilate Sacred Singers

Valmont Church is blessed to host the Jubilate Sacred Singers, directed by J. Arturo Gonzalez on Sunday March 11th during the worship service. Jubilate Sacred Singers tours the Front Range, providing music to congregations, retirement homes, hospice centers and hospitals as well as performing concerts for the general public. Jubilate Sacred Singers' mission is to "share God's Word and Glorify Him through music." Please come and enjoy some uplifting a capella choral music. For more information about Jubilate Sacred Singers, please visit their website: jubilate-sacredsingers.org.



If you ever wondered what the choir practice was like all you have to do is listen to it. Go to www.valmontchurch.org/choir and pick a date. Their practice is online.

- Don Lewis



Some more of those memorable old phrases:

Bee in your bonnet (To have an idea that won't let loose)

Been through the mill (had a rough time of it)

Between hay and grass (Not a child or an adult)

Blinky (Between sweet and sour as in milk)

Calaboose (a jail)

Catawampus (Something that sits crooked such as a piece of furniture sitting at an angle)

Dicker (To barter or trade)

Feather in Your Cap (to accomplish a goal. This came from years ago in wartime when warriors might receive a feather they would put in their cap for defeating an enemy)

Hold your horses (Be patient!)

Hoosegow (a jail)

I reckon (I suppose)

Jawing/Jawboning (Talking or arguing)

Kit and caboodle (The whole thing)

Madder than an wet hen (really angry)

Needs taken down a notch or two (like notches in a belt usually a young person who thinks too highly of himself and needs a lesson)

No Spring Chicken (Not young anymore)

Persnickety (overly particular or snobbish)

Pert-near (short for pretty near)

Pretty is as pretty does (your actions are more important than your looks)

Red up (clean the house)

Scalawag (a rascal or unprincipled person)

Scarce as hen's teeth (something difficult to obtain)

Skedaddle (Get out of here quickly)

Sparking (courting)

Straight From the Horse's Mouth (privileged information from the one concerned)

Stringing around, gallivanting around, or piddling (Not doing anything of value)

Sunday go to meetin' dress (The best dress you had)

We wash up real fine (is another goodie)

Tie the Knot (to get married)

Too many irons in the fire (to be involved in too many things)

Tuckered out (tired and all worn out)

Under the weather (not feeling well this term came from going below deck on ships due to sea sickness thus you go below or under the weather)

Wearing your 'best bib and tucker' (Being all dressed up)

It's your Vintage

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