

Upcoming Events/Announcements

If someone you know has become homebound or has moved to a care center, please let us know and we will include them in our caring ministries. We love our whole church family and want to ensure that everyone is included, remembered, and loved.

Our December mission is MUSH – Mittens, Underwear, Socks & Hats. We are collecting WARM mittens, socks, and hats for ADULT men and women. And everyone needs (clean) underwear, too. Thank you for providing some of the "essentials" needed for cold winter days and nights.

Our January mission will be soup packets. We will be accepting donations to purchase soup ingredients. Mark your check or gift "soup packets."

Our church office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, 2025, for New Year's Day. We will re-open on Thursday, January 2, at 9 a.m.

We are celebrating **Canyon Lake UMC's 75th Anniversary** all throughout 2025. We'll share memories, look to the future, and have many opportunities to celebrate. Save these dates:

January 11 & 12, 2025: Pastor Kent Millard preaching

May 17 & 18, 2025: Pastor Bob Ruedebusch preaching

September 20, 2025: Dinner and music celebration

September 21, 2025: Bishop Lanette Plambeck preaching

If you purchased a poinsettia for our Christmas Eve services, please take one home with you today. **Poinsettias not picked up by December 29 will be donated.**

Calendar at a Glance

December 29: ONE COMBINED Sunday Worship @ 9 a.m.

December 29: No Children's or Youth Sunday School

January 1: Church office closed for New Year's Day Holiday

January 4: GetUp&Go from 7-9 a.m. in the Coffee Café

January 5: No Children's or Youth Sunday School

January 11 & 12: Pastor Kent Millard preaching

January 28: Blood Drive in Christian Life Center

In the midst of the holiday season, we pray for safe travels and for love, joy, peace, patience, and unity among family and friends as they gather.

THE PATH



For the week of
December 29, 2024

**Canyon Lake
United Methodist Church
Rapid City, SD**

Prayers for a New Year

Here comes the New Year! For many people, this is a time to reflect on the year that is past and dream of the year that is about to happen. So, this week we will help you in that process. In the spirit of reflection and of newness, we begin each day with the Wesleyan Covenant Prayer:

Prayer: I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by you or laid aside for you, exalted for you or brought low by you. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to your pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, you are mine, and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Monday 12.30 "The Dragon in the Pit" Revelation 20:1-3
The Bible Year: Revelation 18-20

These passages from Revelation can seem so confusing. Why are we concerned about dragons and serpents? It is so fun to realize that this ancient language is one way of helping us understand deeper spiritual truths. The Devil (the presence of evil in our world) and Satan (the Tempter) are such a reality in our world. The prophet is reminding us that evil does not have the last word in our world and in our lives. As we come to the end of this year, what are some of the ways that you have seen evil overcome in this past year?

Tuesday 12.31 "Congratulations!" Revelation 21:1-6a
The Bible Year: Revelation 21-22

For those of you who have been following *The Bible Year*, congratulations! You made it through! Whether following the big study book or these passages in the Path each week, it is no small task to make it through the Bible. The passage today claims a newness in life. In this past year, how have you seen newness? New dreams? New projects? New things happening in your life and in the world around you? Take a moment in prayer and gratitude to thank God for newness!

Wednesday 1.1 "A Season and a Time" Ecclesiastes 3:1-14

It's a new day. It's a new year. We make our new year's resolutions hoping that we will be able to keep them, but knowing how difficult that can be. Remember the words of today's passage. There is a time for everything. Not everything happens at once. There is time over the next twelve months to do so much. What are you hoping to be and do in the year ahead?

Thursday 1.2 "Our Life in God's Life" Psalm 8

Before you took your first step into the new year yesterday, God was already there. God already knows what your 2025 looks like with all of its successes and failures, all of its joys and disasters. God is already there waiting for you.

Friday 1.3 "A New Direction" Matthew 25:31-46

The sheep and the goats. It's a great image for us. There are days when we are sheep and days when we are goats. These are not simply roles or names that are assigned to us without

us having a choice. These are roles that we choose. Do you choose to feed others and give them something to drink? Do you choose to welcome strangers and help them find clothes? Do you choose to help when someone is sick or incarcerated? How is it that you choose to reach out this year, to become part of the solution and not the problem?

Saturday 1.4 "Pure Gratitude" Psalm 100

Take the time today to be in prayer, in joy and gratitude. Thank God for all the things in your past, but then give thanks for the year that lies ahead. Even though you don't know what's going to happen, God is there waiting for you to walk side by side through this year ahead.



Sermon Notes
