

Upcoming Events/Announcements

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

January's Mission Project: Mommy's Closet aids families with children under five and provides them with diapers, wipes, formula, and other hygiene products. One in four parents/caregivers' reports missing nearly 5 days of work per month because of unmet diaper needs. Donate diapers, wipes and formula. Monetary gifts can be checks or cash (denote 'January Mission Project') or given through the CLUMC website at: clumc.com.

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated cereal for the Open-Heart UMC Food Pantry. It has been a huge blessing to the many neighbors in the area. 128 boxes of cereal will be shared from CLUMC.

Beloved Women's Conference: February 6th & 7th. You're invited to Downtown Mitchell First United Methodist Church for their first EVER Women's Conference! Simulcast from the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, this two-day women's conference experience features worship, encouragement and connection. All women are welcome! Bring a friend as we gather together to be reminded that we are deeply loved! Sign up online <https://forms.gle/dpnjGReJCrk6VGJe6>

CLUMC Financial Report – 1/1/2025 –12/31/2025

	Actual	Budget
Revenues	692,982	698,778
Expenses	674,820	698,778

Calendar at a Glance

January 25: Dinner for 8, Soup Lunch & White Elephant
February 6-7: Beloved Women's Conference
February 16: Presidents' Day – Office Closed
February 21: Bruch Bunch, 8:30 AM in Classroom 1 & 2

THE PATH

For the week of
January 25, 2025
Canyon Lake
United Methodist Church
Rapid City, SD

"God's Unlimited Grace"

The question that was asked by us in this worship series was: "Is grace for everyone?" This week we explore not just God's presence, but God's love for us. Remember that grace... God's overwhelming grace... is for you and all those around you!

Prayer for a New Heart: This prayer was written by Dag Hammarskjöld, one of the faith leaders in the 20th century
"Thou who art over us, thou who are one of us, thou who
ART: Give me a pure heart that I may see thee; a humble heart, that I may hear thee; a heart of love, that I may serve thee; a heart of faith, that I may abide in thee. Amen.

Monday 1.26 "Buried and Raised" Colossians 2:8-15

Verse 12: "You were buried with Christ through baptism and raised with him through faith..." So often, living fully in God's love and grace means dying to our humanness. We are buried with all of the negative, life-consuming things and then... when we are open to God having control of our life, we are raised again through our faith. Today I think of other examples of this. What was it that you used to do that was a powerful negative? How did you leave that behind to enter into something new? (For example, for many of us there were things we were once addicted to that have now been left behind.). It may be that you are still dealing with this. How can these words give you help and encouragement?

Tuesday 1.27 "Saved by Grace" Ephesians 2:1-10

The author is again using the same type of language as yesterday's passage, moving us from death to life. God offers each of us grace, love, and forgiveness. The question is, will we choose to accept them? Think of God's grace as a birthday present. A friend hands you a present at your birthday party and expects you to unwrap it. Instead, you place it on a shelf in the closet. The gift is not a gift until you choose to accept it, choose to let it be a part of your life. How does this passage speak to you about accepting God's gift?

Wednesday 1.28 "New Life in Christ" Romans 6:1-14

Here is the same language... AGAIN! Verse 8 - "If we died with Christ, we have faith that we will also live with him." Ask this question of yourself: What is it in my life that I would like to have die, that I NEED to have die? Take time in prayer today to offer this to God, to let go of what is holding you down.

Thursday 1.29 "Set free!" Romans 8:1-11

Verse 1 - "In Christ, there is no longer any condemnation..." Really? If we let go of what is holding us down (our sins), if we realize we are no longer being held in guilt and condemnation, then we have a new shot at life? Yes. Exactly. Take time again in prayer today to open yourself to Christ's presence and love, releasing your sins... even the really deep and difficult ones.

Friday 1.30 "Accept Suffering" 2 Timothy 2:1-13

A lot of times we have the belief that because we follow Jesus Christ that all suffering should leave our lives. Actually, this is not true at all. You will still get sick. You will still suffer heartbreak. You will still know discomfort and injustice. So, what is the difference? The difference is that with God's grace and the presence of the living Christ in your life, you have the strength to carry on. You are not alone. You have the power and presence of grace inside and out. You have the

ability to see the world in all its brokenness through different eyes, knowing that God walks with you.

Saturday 1.31 "Caught in the Act" John 8:1-11

Here's an interesting fact: The oldest copies of the Gospel according to John do not contain this story. For generations the stories of Jesus were circulated among the earliest Christians verbally. Not until the latter of the first century did people realize that they had to be written down or they would be lost. After the first editions of John were circulated, some of the early Christians came to believe that this story of the woman "caught in the act" was crucial to a new edition of the book. This is a story of pure grace, of love, and of forgiveness. This story was and is really important. What is it that strikes you about it? How does it apply to you?

Sermon Notes

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