

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.

February's Mission Project: Women Build is a Habitat for Humanity program empowering women to learn construction skills, fundraise, and build affordable homes, addressing housing inequality and fostering community strength. Foundations of Faith is a group of United Methodist female clergy who are working together in fundraising activities to build a house. Monetary gifts can be checks or cash (denote "February Mission Project") or given through the CLUMC website at: clumc.com. Contact Stephanie Eliason at the church office 605-348-1080.

January's Mission Project Total: Thank you to everyone for making this Mission a GREAT success. Total Diapers, 4,472, Wipes, 5,292, Formula, 235 oz, Monetary Donations, \$107.50. We also received: Miscellaneous infant clothes, kids' jackets, baby shampoo & powder, and Bibles.

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE: Will you be a full-time student in an education program that leads to a career in healthcare, nursing, or a medical-related field in the Fall of 2026? If so, consider applying for the Mary & Glen Fiala Scholarship offered through the Dakotas Minnesota Methodist Foundations and Canyon Lake UMC.

<https://forms.office.com/r/VpYwHr4Nts>

Attention of Caffeine Lovers! If you are able, please drop your coffee offering in the designated areas of the Coffee Café. The church cost per 8 oz. cup is about 40 cents.

Calendar at a Glance

February 14-15: UWF Weekend at all services

February 16: Presidents' Day – Office Closed

February 18: Ash Wednesday Worship at 6 PM

February 21: Bruch Bunch, 8:30 AM in Classroom 1 & 2

March 6-7: Men's Retreat at Storm Mountain

March 8: Daylight Savings Time Begins

THE PATH

For the week of
February 8, 2026
Canyon Lake
United Methodist Church
Rapid City, SD

In this past month, we have been in the worship series "Burning Questions." We have talked about: Can you prove God? What is heaven (and hell) like? Is grace for everyone? Do I have to love everyone? This week in worship we tackle "United Methodists Believe WHAT?" So! This week we are going to take a different approach to The Path. Instead of every day having a Bible passage to read, we will be reading a few Bible verses AND every day reading a quote from John Wesley. Each of these quotes is found in "A Compend of Wesley's Theology", edited by Robert W. Burtner and Robert E. Chiles, Abingdon Press 1954.

Here is the Wesleyan Covenant Prayer written by John Wesley for early American Methodist worship in 1784.

Daily 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 your 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 2.9 **"The Foundation"** **1 John 4:7-21**
Father Wesley began preaching in his late teens and was ordained as a priest in the Church of England when he was 22. He lived to be 88 (1703-1791). He delivered thousands of sermons. The scripture that he used the most in his almost sixty years of preaching was 1 John 4. Look carefully at this passage. What is it that you find to be most personally powerful to you?

Tuesday 2.10 **"The Quadrilateral"**
John Wesley believed that there is a creating God, and that we can know this God. God was not some being that was far off and not concerned about this world. Rather, God was a living and loving being who is deeply concerned about us and this amazing world we in. He believed that there were four ways through which God could be revealed: 1) Scripture, 2) Reason, 3) Experience, and 4) Tradition. His words ("Compend" p. 17): "To be candid, reasonable men, I am not afraid to lay open what have been the inmost thoughts of my heart. I have thought, I am a creature of a day, passing through life as an arrow through the air. I am a spirit come from God and returning to God...I want to know one thing—the way to heaven... (God) hath written it down in a book. O give that book! At any price, give me the book of God! I have it: here is knowledge enough for me. Let me be "homo unius libri" (a man of one book)."

Wednesday 2.11 **"On Revelation and Reason"**
"Compend" p. 26: "And so you say, "It is a fundamental principle in the Methodist school that all who come into it must renounce their reason." Sir, are you awake? Unless you are talking in your sleep, how can you utter to gross an untruth? It is a fundamental principle with us that to renounce reason is to renounce religion, that religion and reason go hand-in-hand, and that all irrational religion is false religion."

Thursday 2.12 **"On Religious Experience"**
"Compend" p. 32: "Suppose that it were proposed to a reasonable man to marry, or to enter into a new business: in order to know whether this is the will of God,... he has only to inquire, "in which of these states can I be most holy, and do the most good?" And this is to be determined, partly by reason, and partly by experience. Experience tells him what advantages he has in his present state, either for being or doing good; and reason is to show, what he certainly or probably will have in the state proposed. By comparing these...he is certain what is the will of God."

Friday 2.13 **"On Christian Tradition"**
Our United Methodist tradition is largely founded on what we know as "The Three Simple Rules". They are: 1) Do no harm. 2) Do good. And

3) Stay in love with God. Religion is not simply to be thought about or talked about; it is to be lived each and every day. The tradition we see all around us is not just a Methodist thing; it is a Jesus thing. Our tradition of faith in Jesus Christ is ancient and yet vibrant. How do you live it today?

Saturday 2.14 **"On Christian Love"**
"Compend" p. 202: "There is no fear in love — No fear can be where love reigns; but perfect, adult love casts out fear that makes us becomes slaves. Fear like that brings torment, and this is inconsistent with the happiness of love. "

Sermon Notes

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