

### 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.

#### **July Mission will be Feeding Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity Work Crews:**

Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity fields a volunteer work crew with an emphasis on building affordable housing. This month's CLUMC Mission Project will support this effort by providing lunch to the crew one day every week during July. You can help by donating: •Food, e.g., sandwiches, pizza, chips, cookies, etc. •Monetary gifts can be checks or cash (denote 'July Mission Project') or given through the CLUMC website at: [clumc.com](http://clumc.com). Contact Wendy Maxson at 765-588-7981 if you can help.

#### **Cornerstone Mission - Brown Bag Meal for Summer:**

Food items that are needed: Vienna Sausages, Packets of tuna or chicken, Gorp, Pretzels, Animal Crackers, Pudding cups, Applesauce cups, Granola bars, and Cracker. Monetary donation to CLUMC website: [clumc.com](http://clumc.com).

#### **UMCOR Kerrville Texas:**

Countless families and communities in the Kerrville, Texas Area are facing the aftermath of flooding.

UMCOR is one of the best ways to support disaster relief. One hundred percent of donations to a specific Advance fund is used for direct response. Checks and cash contributions can be made to "CLUMC" with "UMCOR Kerrville Relief" written on the memo line.

**Host Family:** A word to you about becoming a host family for an exchange student! There is a need in western South Dakota for seventeen host families in order to bring high school students from other countries here to study for a school year. International Cultural Exchange Services (ICES) and ABC Education Group are working together to help this happen. If you are interested, contact Pastor Scott, and he will give you contact information.

**August 23<sup>rd</sup> Canyon Lake UWF Retreat:** Save the date and prepare to be enriched and comforted by gathering with other women in faith. The theme of this Retreat is Everyday Angels. We will have stories about the theme, scripture readings, and conversation. Of course, we will have lots of food and fun as we create Prayer Boxes to take home and gifts to give to The Women's and Children's Home. A registration sheet will be in the Narthex of the church on Saturday and Sunday. We will hold this retreat at First Methodist Church from 8:30 to 1:00, and the price will be \$10.00. We ask participants to bring any of the following for the gifts we will put together: any kind of cake mix, a small 10-oz frosting can, Sprinkles, and birthday candles.

#### **CLUMC Financial Report (January 1-June 30, 2025)**

	Actual
Revenues	233,007
Expenses	<u>201,967</u>
Net Revenue	31,040



For the week of  
**July 27, 2025**

Canyon Lake  
United Methodist Church  
Rapid City, SD

#### **"Prayer!"**

In all of our human relationships, communication is crucial. It's hard to love or even like someone if you don't talk to them, spend time together, and get to know each other. The same is exactly true with God. In our faith walk we seek to build a deep and powerful relationship. Much of our communication is prayer. Whether we are speaking to God or listening to God, it's all about spending time together and getting to know each other. This week we will focus on the need for prayer.

**Prayer (a prayer from the UM hymnal on page 892):** Heavenly God, who by your love has made us, and through your love has kept us, and in your love would make us perfect: We humbly confess that we have not loved you with all our heart and soul and mind and strength, and that we have not loved one another as Christ has loved us. Your life is in our souls, but our selfishness has hindered you. We have not lived by faith. We have resisted your Spirit. We have neglected your inspirations. Forgive for what we have been. Help us to change what we are. In your Spirit direct what we shall be, that you may come into the full glory of your creation, in us and in all the people. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Monday 7.28 "Teach Us to Pray" Luke 11:1-13**

It is fascinating to notice that the disciples only asked Jesus to teach them to do one thing in all the time they were together: PRAY. "Lord, teach us to pray." What he taught them was not a difficult technique, a complex ritual of words, or a long plea to God. His words were short and simple. So often we today think that we do not know how to pray. In actuality, prayer is a simple process of speaking and listening. Think of a couple you know who are in love with each other. How do they communicate? How do they speak to each other? How do they listen to each other? How do they spend time together? Now translate all of that in your relationship with God. How you pray in creating relationship with God?

**Tuesday 7.29 "Up on the Mountain" Luke 6:12-16**

Jesus was incredibly intentional. He very specifically took time to be in God's presence. We especially notice this AFTER he had a difficult, exhausting day. But we also see his retreat into solitude happening BEFORE something was about to happen. In this passage he was on the mountain after preaching, teaching, and healing. After spending that quiet time regaining his strength and balance with God, he came down and chose the disciples. Prayer is a powerful way to regain strength. It is not just about the praying; it is also about the solitude and being present with God. How does prayer strengthen you? What are your own rituals in praying? Do you have a "mountain" to go to?

**Wednesday 7.30 "Hear my Prayer" Psalm 4:1-5**

How many times have each of us heard that God is always present with us, and that God always hears us? We have heard the words before, but we do not always believe them. There are days when God seems distant or even absent. What was the psalmist dealing with mentally and emotionally in this passage?

**Thursday 7.31 From the Depths" Lamentations 3:46-56**

Some days we pray in joy and celebration. Other days we cry out in sorrow and lamentation. When have you felt the way this author did? Did prayer help you as you called to God "from the depths"?

**Friday 8.1 "Pray Always" Philippians 4:4-9**

Prayer is not simply a set of memorized words. It is not just a ritual that we perform when we are in worship. Prayer happens each day, every day as we build relationship with God. What in this passage catches your attention that you can make it part of your faith journey today?

**Saturday 8.2 "When You Pray" Matthew 6:7-15**

It's not "if" but "WHEN" you pray! In the verses of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew 6, we are warned about living in humility, praying in sincerity, fasting in regularity, and giving in generosity. Prayer

is not something to be toyed with but rather claimed and used on a daily basis. Take the time today to simply relax and pray. Now how can you incorporate this into your daily relationship **with God?**



**Sermon Notes**

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**Calendar at a Glance**

July 28: VBS decoration - at 11:30 AM - sandwich lunch provided  
July 28-30: VBS 4:45 pm supper & programming 5:30-8:00 pm  
July 29: LifeLine Screening at CLUMC, 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.  
August 10: 10:15 A.M. Service - "Worship in the Park" - Old Storybook Island Shelter - 2911 Canyon Lake Drive, Rapid City, SD, potluck following the service  
August 13: The Foresters will be performing at CLUMC @ 6:00 PM  
August 16: Native American Awareness Workshop - Native American Spirituality Beliefs and Practices, 9:00 AM - Noon, Spearfish United Methodist Church, 845 North 5th Street, Spearfish, SD  
August 23: Canyon Lake UWF Retreat at First Methodist Church from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm  
September 11 & 12: District UWF Retreat at Storm Mountain

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. / Friday 9 a.m.- 12 noon