

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 caring ministries. We love our whole church family and want to ensure that everyone is included, remembered, and loved.

Our February mission will be UMCOR Los Angeles (LA) Fire Relief. Countless families and communities in the LA Area are facing the aftermath of wildfires that have destroyed more than 12,000 homes, schools, churches (including the Altadena UMC), libraries & businesses. UMCOR is supporting local efforts to accomplish immediate & long-term recovery including providing evacuees with food and other essential supplies. Your monetary donations are needed to support the LA Fire Relief and Recovery Efforts. Checks and cash contributions can be made to "CLUMC" with "UMCOR LA Fire Relief" written on the memo line. Online donations can be sent through the CLUMC website under Give – Current Months Mission Projects.

Super Soup Packet Totals: Thank you for your generous donations for Soup Supplies! We were able to assemble 564 packets of soup: Lentil & Split Pea, 3 Bean & Barley and Potato.

Join Us for Game Day on Sunday, February 2, from 2 – 4 p.m. in the CLC Gym. Bring your favorite games, bring your friends, and bring snacks to share. Any games are welcome: board games, card games, dominoes, corn hole, dice games, or kid games! Bring them all!

Snow Blower for Sale: Canyon Lake UMC is selling a 2022 Ariens (Model #932050) Crossover two-stage push with auger assist. It has a 179 cc 4-stroke engine with an electric start. It was purchased new in 2022 for \$699; we are selling it for \$295 (or make your best offer). Contact the office with questions.

We will be joining with our Dakotas Conference in going through a Lenten study based on ***The Third Day*** by Bishop Tom Berlin. The church will not purchase copies, but if you wish to follow along, you can find the book at various book sites online.

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

Calendar at a Glance

February 4: GetUp&Go from 7-9 a.m. in the Coffee Cafe

March 14-15: Men's Retreat at Storm Mountain

THE PATH



For the week of
February 2, 2025

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

Through Love

It is not always easy to do things in love. Sometimes it means doing something that is unpopular or something that will not be well received. In those times it can be easier to simply stay quiet, or not act. But Jesus didn't shy away from the hard decisions. And he calls us to look at the world through love, and then to act and speak through love in all that we do. This week, we will spend time mostly in the Gospel of Luke looking at various ways Jesus showed love through acts of compassion and respect.

Prayer: Loving God, you created us in love and call us to love. But while your love is perfect, ours is flawed and often lacking. We might be scared of what showing your kind of love will mean for us in our lives. Help us to rely on you, to draw from your unending love, and to shine that love back out to our world in all that we say and do. Amen.

Monday 2.3 Compassionate Healing Luke 7:21

How many of those Jesus healed had been suffering for years? How many had lost livelihoods because they couldn't work, or had lost connection out of fear of spreading disease? While you and I may not be able to heal as Jesus did, how can our words and actions of love offer physical, mental, and emotional compassionate healing?

Tuesday 2.4 Compassionate Acceptance Luke 7:36-50

This woman was an outcast. We see it in the way each person treated her. Except Jesus. He looked at her and didn't just see her profession. He saw HER, as the person of worth that she was, just like everyone else. In what ways can we reach beyond prejudice to show love in word and action to those in need of acceptance?

Wednesday 2.5 Compassionate Justice Matthew 23:1-12

The Pharisees didn't have everything wrong. Much of what they taught was based on scripture. But their actions left much to be desired. They set unrealistic expectations for people, and then seemed to just watch them struggle and fail. Jesus wanted all to be given the hand up that they needed and, in love, he offered that hand. How can we live out love in the pursuit of justice in our community? Nation? World?

Thursday 2.6 Respect of Women Luke 13:10-17

While we have come a long way, in many ways, and many places, women are still not seen as equals of men. Then and now, women are not given the same level of care or thought whether consciously or unconsciously. The Pharisees were called out for this, in that they were fine untying their donkey on the sabbath, but the "untying" of a woman immediately made them angry. I doubt they had ever even connected the two actions as similar. Look over your last few days with an eye towards equal respect for all around you. Are your words and actions those of love that build respect regardless of gender identity?

Friday 2.7 Respect of Children Luke 18:15-17

We've heard it before, "what do you know, you're too young!" Sometimes, the statement is correct. The person doesn't know as much as someone else because they don't yet have lived experience. But even when that is the case, a child or youth is still a person of worth and deserves respect as a child of God! How have you seen our society/world, show or withhold respect based on age?

Saturday 2.8 Respect of Downtrodden Luke 4:18-19

Jesus is reading the prophet Isaiah in this passage. Isaiah was looking forward to the coming of God's new creation, when all would be made right. It seems humanity often decides that by virtue of a lower status, whatever determines it, a person is less worthy of respect. A timely example is the dehumanizing language used toward and about immigrants lately. Jesus reminded us this was not, and is not, God's will. How might Jesus' example lead us to respond when we encounter such language or actions?



Sermon Notes
