

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.

Our church office will be closed December 28, 2025, through January 2, 2026, We will re-open on Monday, January 5, at 9 a.m.

Calendar at a Glance

December 28: One combined Sunday Service @ 9 AM
December 28: No Children's or Youth Sunday School
December 28 – January 5: Office Closed

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 28, 2025

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 12.29 "God's Tent" John 1:14, 2 Corinthians 5:1-10
In John 1:14, the sentence says, "The Word became flesh and made his home among us." or "...dwelled with us." What the verb literally means is "pitched his tent with us." Now look at the wording in 2 Corinthians and how this concept of "tent" is used again. As we come to the end of 2025 and the door opens into 2026, we are invited to step out of our tent and into a real home built by God's hands. What might that look like for you in this new year? Out of the old and into the new!

Tuesday 12.30 "Congratulations!" Revelation 21:1-6a
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 12.31 "A Season and a Time" Ecclesiastes 3:1-14
It's a new day. Beginning tomorrow 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 1.1 "Our Life in God's Life" Psalm 8
Before you took your first step into the new year today, God is already there. God already knows what your 2026 looks like with all of its successes and failures, all of its joys and disasters. God is already there waiting for you.

Friday 1.2 "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 1.3 "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

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