

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.

Our June Mission will be VBS: The mission this month is Vacation Bible School which is our three evening Bible School fun event July 28th through 30. This month we are giving you the opportunity to either give a donation, help purchase supplies, and/or volunteer. See the table outside the church or talk to Erin Woods.

Praise Band Fundraiser: Time to raise for praise!! We are in need of: Drum kit, Guitar amps, Guitar pedals, Microphones, and Monitors. To contribute, visit CLUMC.com/give and click on the worship band fundraiser! Cash and checks are also accepted, write worship band in memo!! Any amount is greatly appreciated. Our goal is about \$7000.

Discipleship Retreat/Class: Pastor Stephanie is excited to announce that there will be a one-day Discipleship Retreat at Canyon Lake UMC this summer. It will be held June 21st from 9 am-2 pm and will include a potluck lunch. What is the Discipleship Retreat/Class, you might ask? This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the United Methodist Church as a whole and about Canyon Lake UMC specifically, as well as learning about what membership in a UM church means. Anyone and everyone are welcome to attend the class. It is wonderful for folks new to Canyon Lake, new to the United Methodist Church, or even for folks who have grown up UM or in Canyon Lake but want to know more or get a refresher.

Mission U 2025: "Practicing Hope" by Tabatha Holley. Mission u is a transformative educational program that encompasses both Bible-based curricula and events. Interested in deepening your faith in community? Gaining experience interpreting Scripture? Working toward healing for yourself, your community, and all of creation? Mission u is for you! Registration is due by June 15, 2025, and you need a brochure for registration. Please stop by the office for your brochure. For more information and to purchase the curriculum, with this link <https://uwfaith.org/events/mission-u/>

Calendar at a Glance

June 6-8: Dakotas Annual Conference 2025

June 7: 2nd annual black Hills Pride Parade, downtown Rapid City, 10 – 11 AM

June 28: Pride in the Park 2025 "Live Outloud, Love Outloud", Memorial Park in Rapid City, 10 AM – 4 PM

June 29: Drop-off for Rummage Sale

July 11 – 13: Mission U at Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell, SD

July 19 & 20: Canyon Lake UMC Rummage Sale

July 28-30 Vacation Bible School

July 29: LifeLine Screening at CLUMC, 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.



**For the week of
June 1, 2025**

Canyon Lake
United Methodist Church
Rapid City, SD

"When God Says, 'No'."

You remember from so many different moments in your life that you were told "No" or "No!!" or "Absolutely Not, Never Gonna Happen NO!!" We do not like those moments, and we wish that life could be a series of "yes's". But of course, that is definitely not the way life works. So, this week we explore times when "no" becomes the reality. Sometimes it comes from people around us, and sometimes it comes straight from God. But consider this: Sometimes that "no" comes from God, and we need to say "no". It is only when we say "no" that we can effectively say "yes" to God and to life. It is only when we say "yes" to God that we can live into our baptisms. So, the questions this week become: Are you ready to say "no"? Are you ready to say "yes"?

Prayer: Lord, meet us where we are, for we are walking in the middle of life where the road is confusing and the way is dark. Be a light for our feet and guide us. Guide us with that simple word "no", then guide us with that freeing word "yes". We ask this in Christ's name. Amen.

Monday 6.2 "In the Garden" Genesis 3:1-7

Humanity has been disobedient from the very beginning. We were often being told "no", both by those around us and by God. This part of the creation story in Genesis is not just an introduction of humanity into the world, but also of the word "no" into our human condition. We are expected to obey when God speaks, but we are also open to God's grace when we have messed up.

Tuesday 6.3 "The Tower of Babel" Genesis 11:1-9

What was this issue here? This story is not just about ingenious people figuring out how to master the world in which they lived. It is the story of "no" being spoken to more than just one individual but rather to an entire population of people. We do not just disobey God's "no" one by one. We also disobey as entire nations. And there are consequences!

Wednesday 6.4 "The Ten Commandments" Exodus 20:1-17

Interestingly, the Commandments are written in the negative. Instead of saying "Speak only the truth." in a positive way, the commandment says, "Do not lie (bear false witness)." In total there are 613 rules / laws / commandments in the Jewish writings. They are almost all written in the negative as "no's". So many times we must FIRST hear God's emphatic "NO" in order to stop current behavior. Only then can we begin to hear God's "yes". The negative crowds out the positive.

Thursday 6.5 "Ananias and Sapphira" Acts 5:1-11

Well, here is just a very strange story! In so many ways, it feels like this story should not be in the Bible at all. It seems cruel. It seems arbitrary. It seems to just be wrong, but here it is anyway. Ask yourself this question: What is the story trying to teach? In so many ways, Ananias' and Sapphira's demise is there to help us hear not just "no" but "NO!!" There are certain boundaries that we as Christ-followers are NOT to cross. We may disagree with the story, but the punchline is one that we need to hear.

Friday 6.6 "Parable of the Two Sons" Matthew 21:28-32

Sometimes other people tell us "no". Sometimes God tells us "no". And sometimes we ourselves are the ones who speak the "no". We speak it with our mouths, and then at other times, we speak it with our actions. This story of two sons shares with us the nuance of "no". It gives us direction beyond our own words and how to shape our actions into God's "yes".

Saturday 6.7 "He Is God's 'Yes'" 2 Corinthians 1:19-20

For all the places in the Bible where we are told "no, no, and NO", here is where we hear in no uncertain terms that God provided humanity with a "YES!" Jesus Christ is God providing our world's "YES!" Review this week's readings. How is it that you hear the "no's"? How is it that you hear God's "YES!"?



Sermon Notes
