

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.

September Mission: ONEHEART Buy items for the **Welcome Package** consists of twin-size comforter set (comforter, sheets, pillowcase), pillows, bath towels set (washcloth, hand & bath towel), shower curtain/rings & popup laundry hamper, regular size body wash, shampoo & conditioner, toothpaste, and deodorant. Monetary gifts can be a check or cash (denote 'September Mission Project') or given through the CLUMC web at: clumc.com.

Cornerstone Mission - Brown Bag Meal for Summer/Fall: Food Items that are needed: Vienna Sausages, Packets of tuna or chicken, Gorp/Trail Mix, Pretzels, Animal Crackers, Pudding cups, Applesauce cups, Granola bars, and Cracker. Monetary donation to CLUMC website: clumc.com.

September 20: Brunch Bunch will begin Brunch Bunch again with food, fellowship, worship, study, and missions. We will continue to read Chapter 3 in our book, Unshakable Hope, by Max Lucado. If you don't have a book, call Judy Lindskov (605-41-0400) and we can get one for you. We have invited ladies from First Church to join us. If you know someone who could come, invite them. We will start at 8:30 and end at about 10:00 in Classroom 2 at Canyon Lake UMC.

September 27: 75th Anniversary Celebration, 4:30 PM for Tours, 5:30 PM Dinner, Cost \$20 per person. Tickets are available Saturday September 20 and Sunday September 21.

October 4 & 5 and 11 & 12, Free Professional Photos: Saturday, October 4 & 11 from 9 am – 5:30 pm and Sunday, October 5 & 12 from 8 am – 3 pm. Sign-up is available September 27, at the 75th Anniversary Dinner, and September 28, before and after Sunday Church services. Also, see this week's newsletter for online sign-up.

CLUMC Financial Report (January 1-August 31, 2025)

	Actual	Budget
Revenues	463,045	465,864
Expenses	438,954	478,740

Calendar at a Glance

September 27: 75th Anniversary Celebration

September 28: Dakotas Conference Bishop, Lanette Plambeck, will be preaching at both services!

September 30: Blood Drive 2-6 PM CLUMC CLC Gym



For the week of
September 21, 2025

Canyon Lake
United Methodist Church
Rapid City, SD

"When Ya Lose Your Vile-tality"

John Wesley and his brother Charles both had a "fire in the belly." They were passionate about spreading the love of God and the saving grace of Jesus Christ. They were both pushed hard to do things they did not want to do, feeling that some things were just "vile". They initially did not want to preach outside. There were specific kinds of songs they did not want to sing. There were certain groups of people they felt were just off-limits. But in the long run, they did indeed wind up preaching outdoors, singing a whole different set of songs, and being with people they just never expected to be with. They chose to be vile. It's a made-up word, but we refer to this energy as "vile-tality." In the early years of Methodism, vile-tality was powerful as those early Methodists went to places no one else would go, doing things no one else would do: visiting in prisons, helping in hospitals, claiming a space in orphanages, preaching in open fields. But then the movement began to slow down. Less energy was put into being vile. More energy was put into being "respectable" as churches were organized, buildings built, and programs created. As the years went by, we became more and more "respectable." That's not a bad thing in itself. A whole lot of good has come out of our respectability through the years. But it does make us pause this week to reflect and ask What happens when ya lose your vile-tality?

Wesleyan Covenant 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 for 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 art 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 9.22 "First Comes Death" Galatians 2:20
When you look closely at Jesus' teachings AND the teachings of other early Christians such as Paul, you will discover that one of the common threads that they teach is that in order to be alive in Christ, you must first die to yourself. The Wesley brothers knew this to be powerfully true. Unless you died to yourself and became alive to God, you would never be a full person. Unless you died to your own fears and hesitations, always playing it safe, you would never become VILE! Take the time to examine your own life today. How is it that you are holding back from being the person God created you to be? What is holding you back from going in vile directions, doing things that you normally would never consider doing because they are just "not right" or "not correct"?

Tuesday 9.23 "The Hardest Parable" Luke 16:1-8
Of all the parables in the Bible, the Parable of the Shrewd Manager is perhaps the hardest one to figure out. So, let's begin with this thought: What had to die so something new could live? Remember, there are multiple ways that parables can be interpreted; this is just one way. What if.... What if the Shrewd Manager is actually talking about Jesus? The manager had to let go of his whole way of life as he got caught and everything changed? What if the clients who were cutting crooked deals with him actually refers to normal people like you and me who would walk for miles to get a deal like the ones he was offering? What if the owner, the one who wanted everything to be normal and on the up-and-up, refers to those people who always want to live by the rules and never make room for God's grace? How was the Shrewd Manager, crooked as he was, willing to live with vile-tality? Think about this for a while! Roll it around in your brain!

Wednesday 9.24 "Parable of the Wedding Banquet " Luke 14:15-24
Same question: What had to die in this story so something new could live? The banquet couldn't happen as the father wanted it to. His idea of a perfect wedding banquet died on the vine as guests did not show up. BUT... he was still passionate about inviting people, even if those were all the WRONG people. Do you see vile-tality? How?

Thursday 9.25 "Parables of the Lost Sheep and Coin" Luke 15:1-10
What had to die in these parables so something new could live? Instead of the word "die", we can use the word "lost". What was it that was lost? Here is an interesting twist: Who was Jesus talking to? In 15:1 it says, "Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes murmured..." He was talking to EVERYONE. The whole spectrum was there listening to him: from the rule-makers to the rule-breakers. In his teaching, Jesus had something to say to all of them, and that included letting parts of their lives go so they could live in a new way. Vile-tality?

Friday 9.26 "Parable of the Lost Son" Luke 15:11-32
We know this one! So, what had to die in this story so something new could live? The younger son lost everything. The older son already had everything and didn't know it; in effect he lost everything that he had not been using. The father? Vile-tality? As he stepped into both of this sons' lives, he had to be present in both of their toxic living. And then came Resurrection. New life is breathed into old, lost, dead lives. How have you witnessed your own vile-tality?

Saturday 9.27 "Parable of the Shrewd Manager" Luke 16:1-8
We end where we began this week: in the hardest parable. The fact of the matter is that grace does not come to the world through respectability. If your life is perfect, you don't need grace. Respectability only pays attention to success and winning. It doesn't want anything to do with a grace that works by death and losing, which (oh by the way) is the only kind of grace there is! Turns out there is a whole lot of room in our lives for things that are vile, and there is a whole lot of room in our world for people with vile-tality!



Sermon Notes

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