

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.

October Mission: Trunk or Treat We will celebrate on November 1st in the Christian Life Center from 2 - 4 pm. Members of the congregation can decorate a "truck/table" and pass out Halloween candy to the children. Dress in your "ugly sweater" or wear your best Halloween costume. Donate: **a lot of candy, and we still need 14 volunteers for this event.** Monetary gifts can be checks or cash (denote 'October Mission Project') or given through the CLUMC website at: clumc.com. Contact Erin Woods (605)393-7438 if you can help.

WANTED: Empty shoeboxes for the "Christmas Shoebox Project" coming in November. Drop them off at the church office or Mission Closet.

Calendar at a Glance

October 26: Noon Potluck Lunch, followed at 1 PM by Nikki Evans, Soloist Handbell Concert

November 1: Trunk or Treat in the CLC Gym 2-4 PM

November 15: Life Line Screening - In the CLC Gym 8 AM - 5:30 PM

November 16: Annual Charge Conference - Potluck Lunch after 10:45 AM Service in the CLC Gym and Annual Meeting from 1-3 PM

November 22 & 23: UWF Pie Sale

THE PATH

For the week of
October 19, 2025

Canyon Lake
United Methodist Church
Rapid City, SD
"Reclaiming Our Vile-tality"

Where is it that we don't want to be? As children many of us have experienced trying to lie, cheat, or steal. Whether that was in school, at home, or out in our community, it did not end well. Most of the time, we got caught. And when we were caught, there was some kind of punishment that came with it. We really did not want to be there in that situation! But there we were, and in that moment, there was a life lesson to be learned. Hopefully in that experience we learned not to lie, not to cheat, and not to steal. Those behaviors, especially in a child, are "vile". The fact is that although we hated being there, we actually needed to be in that moment of "vile-tality" to learn and grow. We became stronger and better when we learned in those vile moments. How is it then that we can learn to reclaim our vile-tality, to remember what it means to be somewhere we do NOT want to be? This week we reclaim our vile-tality.

Prayer: Lord, each of us has lived in moments we regret, moments in which we made mistakes. Help us to learn from our own mistakes while remembering that everyone around us has to learn and grow from their mistakes as well. Guide us all onto your path once again. Pick us up from where we have fallen. Set us right once more. Guide us as we help to set others right. Amen.

Monday 10.20 "Turning the World Upside-Down" Acts 17:1-9

We don't remember (or didn't know in the first place) how radical Christianity was during its early years in the Roman Empire. Christians (also known as "followers of the Way") did not believe in any of the Roman gods, so were seen as atheists. When they came into cities and began teaching, their beliefs were seen as heresy. Jason was one of these early followers. And the people of Thessalonica said of him and his friends: "These people who have been turning the world upside-down have now come here!" Here it is: Vile-tality! What have you ever done in the love of Christ that has turned the world upside-down, even in small ways?

Tuesday 10.21 "Don't Get Discouraged" 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

To the early Christians in the city of Corinth, Christ was the living image of God. This should be true of us also. Their goal was to simply show others the love of God in their everyday living. They did this without secrecy, shameful actions, and deception. They were not afraid to step into vile situations, going where others did not want or dare to go. What do you think Paul is trying to tell you in these verses?

Wednesday 10-22 "Death in us. Life in you." 2 Corinthians 4:7-12

A treasure in clay pots? Remember that clay pots, as strong as they are, are also fragile. They can be shattered at any moment. Clay pots can carry all kinds of food and supplies, but that can end when the pot is shattered. This passage reminds the early Christians... and us today... that we are just like clay pots carrying Christ's death around in us so that others can see it and know it and imitate it. The death in us is not a bad thing. It helps create the life in others. What is it in this passage that strikes you most?

Thursday 10.23 "Focus on the Things Unseen" 2 Corinthians 4:13-18

In the middle of a cold winter's day, we step outside and breathe a plume of water vapor into the air. We cannot see the air, but we can see the vapor in the air. In the same way, we are called to show people Jesus. In our own lives we imitate Jesus. We focus on the things that are unseen: the love of God in Jesus. Others cannot see the love, but they can see our actions done in love. What visible things... visible actions... are you doing and seeing that are actually just demonstrating the things unseen in God's shared love?

Friday 10.24 "A New Covenant" Jeremiah 31:31-34

Covenants are two-sided promises. In this one, God promises to love the people and the people promise to respond. In the Bible, a covenant almost always involves God as one of the parties. As we search for ways to reclaim our vile-tality, how do you see Christians in this world stepping into their own covenants with God? Could this be you?

Saturday 10.25 "Beware of Divisions" Romans 16:17-20

Verse 17 says, "Watch out for people who create divisions and problems against the teaching that you learned. Keep away from them." It is tricky, but God invites us to step into places and situations that are really vile while still remaining clean ourselves. It is the cleansing presence of God that makes this possible. As you continue the path of faith, rely on God to guide you into some really messy places AND help you to stay clean. Beware of those divisions!



Sermon Notes

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