

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 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 19: Office Closed - Juneteenth

June 21: Brunch Bunch 8:30 AM in Classroom 1 & 2

June 21: Discipleship Retreat at CLUMC CLC, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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

June 19: Office Closed - Juneteenth

June 29: Honduras Mission Trip Presentation at CLUMC @ 11:15 in Classroom 2

June 29: Drop-off for Rummage Sale Begins

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

August 13: The Foresters will be performing at CLUMC @ 6:00 PM

THE PATH

For the week of
June 15, 2025

Canyon Lake
United Methodist Church
Rapid City, SD

"Here Comes the Sun"

For these next six weeks, we celebrate the joy of summer with "The Beatles and the Bible." This week as we begin, we focus on "Here Comes the Sun." In the same way that we look forward to the sun shining after dark and dreary days, we look forward to the SON shining in our lives after the really difficult times. It does not matter what the issues are: financial difficulty or even disaster, illness, death of a loved one, deep disappointment, depression and anxiety, real difficulty in our relationships at home or work or school. There are just so many things that can take the joy out of life. This week we begin by reading the weekend's scriptures again, then focusing on the power of the Psalms in order to search for healing and the sun to rise once more in our lives.

Prayer: Lord, be present with each of us and all of us in the difficult times. No matter what we are walking through, walk with us. Guide us to see your light shining. May we meet you in the rising of the sun and of the SON in our lives. Amen.

Monday 6.16**"From Trouble to Hope"**

Romans 5:1-5

You might want to begin this time by googling "Here Comes the Sun" and just listening to what John, Paul, George, and Ringo had to say all those year ago that still is true today. The Apostle Paul knew exactly what it meant to walk through the times of trouble. In his thirty years of traveling and ministry, he ran into just about every disaster imaginable: being thrown into jail, being beaten, being hungry and cold and shipwrecked and shunned. But through all of it, he continued to believe that even in the worst circumstances God was already present and walking with him. From trouble all the way through to hope in Christ, Paul believed in God's power and presence. When are times that you have walked that same journey from trouble to hope?

Tuesday 6.17**"The Wheat and the Weeds"**

Matthew 13:24-30

Jesus' parables always pack a surprise in them somewhere. They can be interpreted differently every time you read them. So, in this parable Jesus is saying that the good times in life and the tough times in life are entangled. They are all twisted together, and you can't destroy one without destroying everything all together. You have seen this in your life. If someone were to ask you about how you survived the tough times, you would probably describe how you survived the tough by relying on the good. Like what? When do you recognize this in your personal story?

Wednesday 6.18**"The Dark Valley"**

Psalm 23

There are times when we want to even deny that the tough times even exist. We get through the bad stuff by living in denial. "Well, it's really not that bad." "Others have it far worse than I do." "This is just temporary, and it's not that big of a deal." Stop it! It is time to name what you are walking through now or have in the past. It is perfectly acceptable to recognize "The Dark Valley" or "The Valley of the Shadow of Death." Just name it. Mourn it. Be angry about it. Lament! It exists and is powerfully real.

Thursday 6.19**"Bleakness"****Psalm 137**

Pick up today where we left off yesterday. This psalm was written when the Jewish people were in captivity in Babylon. There was basically no promise of a new day. There was no emotional and spiritual sunshine for them. Look at the very last verse. They want to do what???? We can taste the anger and vitriol in the author's life. This is a song of anger and disappointment. They named it. They claimed it. And then they had to figure out what to do about it.

Friday 6.20**"From Darkness to Light"**

Psalm 22

This psalm is one that Jesus had memorized. "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" he cried from the cross. Notice as you read how many of the crucifixion images are contained in this psalm which had been written centuries before Jesus' crucifixion. But then notice how the psalm moves very methodically and very intentionally from absolute despair to absolutely joy in God's presence. Our despair does NOT have the last word. God gives us the presence and the power to move beyond disaster and even death. How have you witnessed this in your own life or that of others?

Saturday 6.21**"Joy!"**

Psalm 150

Evil and despair and disaster and all that discourages us does NOT have the last word. We have a choice. We can choose the dark and the negative in any part of our lives, OR we can choose the sunshine and the positive. Life is not all rainbows and unicorns. Of course not! But even in the worst that world can throw at us, God is already there proclaiming a victory. Here comes the sun!

**Sermon Notes**

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