

### 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](http://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](http://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 online at [clumc.com](http://clumc.com), and Saturday and Sunday church services.

**CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY, DETAILS COMING SOON.**

### Calendar at a Glance

**September 20:** Bruch Bunch: 8:30 – 10:00 AM

**September 21:** Special Charge Conference, 9:30 AM at CLUMC

**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 14, 2025**

Canyon Lake  
United Methodist Church  
Rapid City, SD

### "Making Room for God"

**For many of us, faith is just a normal, everyday thing that we do not think about on a daily basis. We were raised as Christian and over the years have just grown to take it for granted. This often means that God just seems to get crowded out of our life. There are so many other things that we need to pay attention to. Well, this week we are going to explore that and see if there are ways in which we can make room for God!**

**Prayer: Lord, take my life. Let me be always and only focused on you. Help me to make room for you not just in my heart but in my daily actions as well. Lord, take my life! Amen.**

**Monday 9.15      Making Room for ???      Isaiah 58:10-11**

Here are words from Bishop Rueben Job from his book "A Guide to Prayer for All Who Seek God" on page 341: "How can a make room in my life for the things that really matter? This question plagues most adults in the developed world. We have so many things, so many activities, so many opportunities, and so many responsibilities. Is it possible to find a place for God in our busy lives? Many have answered

the question with a resounds no. Others have answered by filling every moment of every day with activity until there is no time even to think about God. Others yearn to find that sacred space and time but just don't know how or where to look." Hmmm.... Is this you? In your life, what are you making room for?

**Tuesday 9.16      "Making Room for God?"      Colossians 3:5-11**  
As followers of Jesus Christ, we are guided to make room in our lives for God's priorities. But this is easier said than done! Are you at a point in your life to reprioritize God? Here are more thoughts from Rueben Job: "Is there a way for you to find regular time and place for God in your life without fasting or giving up some things? Probably not. Therefore, the real question becomes, what do you feel called to give up in order to find room for God in your life?" Note this: Finding space for God in any way, shape, or form does not just happen. It becomes a reality when we create the reality, whether that is in our time, our financial practices, or our relationships. You will not have room for God until you MAKE room for God! How do you see this in your own life?

**Wednesday 9.17      "Distracted"      Luke 12:13-21**  
Any time a relationship changes, whether that is a friendship, a romance, or our faith in Christ, we often find that one of the root causes for the change is distraction. Consider a romance: When you first fall in love, all of your attention, time, and energy are focused on that other (wonderful!) person. Over time for a dozen different reasons, the romance changes. The energy changes as our attention is pulled in other directions. Whereas our total focus used to be on that one person, now it shifts to work or health or exercise or hobbies or any number of things that create distraction. In the scripture today, the rich fool was completely distracted. How do you find yourself being distracted?

**Thursday 9.18      "Making Room for God!"      Matthew 4:1-11**  
Are you ready to intentionally make room for God in your life? Even Jesus had to be intentional about his relationship with God. In the beginning days of his ministry, he chose to enter into a season of fasting, not just from food but also from his entire regular life. He chose to separate himself from family, work, community, and even his normal routine. He needed a time and place to refocus in order to make room for God? You are probably not called to leave your regular life for a month or two like Jesus did, but there are definitely ways in which you can intentionally strengthen your faith relationship. Consider doing just that! How is it that you can intentionally create a daily time with God? How could you give yourself permission to spend a day once a month away with God? How could you make a way to go on a larger, longer retreat (like summer camp or a wintertime away with friends)?

**Friday 9.19      "Focused"      Luke 10:25-37**  
Today, take the time to read and reread this parable of the Good Samaritan. Read it multiple times, each time placing yourself in the story as each of the characters. Imagine that you are the person who was attacked... the priest... the Levite (lawyer)... the inn keeper... the Samaritan. Each time you imagine the story, ask yourself "What is the focus of this person? What is most important to them right now?"

**Saturday 9.20      "Energized"      Colossians 3:12-17**  
When we intentionally focus our time and energy on our relationship with God, there is an energy shift in our lives. By focusing on faith, we focus on the positive. By focusing on the positive, we focus on the doable. By focusing on the doable, we move away from the overwhelming. How is it that you are energized by your faith? What difference can that make in your life right now?



### Sermon Notes

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