

### **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.

#### **July Mission will be Feeding Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity**

**Work Crews:** Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity fields a volunteer work crew with an emphasis on building affordable housing. This month's CLUMC Mission Project will support this effort by providing lunch to the crew one day every week during July. You can help by donating: •Food, e.g., sandwiches, pizza, chips, cookies, etc. •Monetary gifts can be checks or cash (denote 'July Mission Project') or given through the CLUMC website at: [clumc.com](http://clumc.com). Contact Wendy Maxson at 765-588-7981 if you can help.

**Let's Get Ready to Rummage!** Our annual Rummage Sale will be held on July 18 and 19. Begin bringing good, used items for the sale to Classroom B in the CLC on June 29. Volunteers are needed July 15-17 to unpack donations and set up. We need volunteers July 18-19 to sell at the sale and clean up afterwards. Please use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex to let us know when you are available to help.

**FREE Items for Pick-up:** Canyon Lake UMC has five eleven-foot solid oak church pew that we need to eliminate for our storage. Please contact us by email [office@clumc.com](mailto:office@clumc.com) or call (605) 348-1080.

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

### **Calendar at a Glance**

**June 29 Passages Meal**

**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 18 & 19: Canyon Lake UMC Rummage Sale**

**July 29: Life Line Screening in the Christian Life Center, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

**July 28-30 Vacation Bible School**

**August 10: 10:15 AM Service – “Worship in the Park” – Old Storybook Island Shelter – 2911 Canyon Lake Drive, RC, SD, potluck following the service.**

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

# **THE PATH**



**For the week of  
July 6, 2025**

Canyon Lake  
United Methodist Church  
Rapid City, SD

### **"Above All Else"**

In a world of constant distractions, confusions, and fears, it can be hard to always remember without a doubt that God is truly above all else. The good and the bad, none of it exceeds God's power, knowledge, or love. This week let's just take a bit of time to remember the promises God has made, and the love God has shown, to us.

**Prayer:** Holy God, you are above all things. If we can think of it, you are higher. If we cannot even imagine it, you are still higher! Help us, in all moments, to remember your power and promise, your love and care for us, no matter what. Amen.

**Monday 7.7 "Above All Creation"** Genesis 1  
God created the heavens and the earth. God knows the ins and outs of the waters, the hidden spaces in the mountains and deserts. The needs and habits of each creature are known to God. God being above all of this means God is independent of it. Nothing of creation changes God but God affects all of creation. How does that make you feel, knowing that from the biggest to the smallest things on our planet, God knows every detail?

**Tuesday 7.8 "Above Our Failure"** John 21  
Peter denied Jesus. He walked away from Jesus. And yet, Jesus does not turn his back on Peter. Jesus, as God, is far bigger than any mistake or act of harm we could ever cause. Nothing is big enough to outreach God's mercy and love for us. God will always welcome us in love and compassion. Have you ever felt God's embrace even in failure?

**Wednesday 7.9 "Above Our Successes"** Genesis 39:2-6  
Keeping God above our successes means realizing that even in our moments of triumph, God still deserves glory. Yes, we have done hard, good work, and yes, we can and should be excited about that. But our success is possible through God and God's grace and provision in our lives. Thinking over your life, where can you see God's grace and provision in your successes?

**Thursday 7.10 "Above Our Loves"** Deuteronomy 6:5  
To keep God first in our love is not to diminish or remove our love for others. Jesus was very clear that we were to love God AND neighbor. Our love for God should not keep us from seeing and loving others, in fact it should be the driving force behind our love for all of God's children. How has your love of God driven your love of neighbor this week?

**Friday 7.11 "Above Our Fear"** 1 Peter 5:7  
There are many things for us to fear in our lives. Knowing that God is above all those things does not take away fear as much as we might wish it would. What it does do, is assure us that even in fear, God is present and cares for us greatly. Do you have fears you need to hand over to God's greater care?

**Saturday 7.12 "Above Our Choices"** Isaiah 32:16-18  
God has given us the power to choose and map out our lives. But God's desires for us to do so in a way that honors God's plan for us and the world as well. When we remember that

God is above everything, even our choices, we can live into God's desires for us. It might mean we decide to do something that wasn't at the top of our list, but that we realize is going to offer God praise through our words and actions. When have you kept God first in your choices?



### Sermon Notes

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