

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.

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.

Rummage Sale 2024: A goal of \$5000 was successful, Thank you!

Financial Report (January 1-May 31, 2025)

	Actual	Budget
Revenues	\$324,728	\$291,169
Expenses	<u>\$290,987</u>	<u>\$308,166</u>
Net Revenue	\$33,741	(\$16,997)

Calendar at a Glance

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

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
June 22, 2025

Canyon Lake
United Methodist Church
Rapid City, SD

"The Long and Winding Road"

This is the second week of our summer worship series "The Beatles and the Bible" as we explore the words and ideas of their song "The Long and Winding Road." We all walk the road that is life. Our life's journey always takes us on twists and turns. No one gets to take all the short cuts. No one gets to claim a life free from difficulty. So, this week we explore the challenges of the journey.

Prayer: Lord, you watch us as we walk the long and winding roads of life. But you do not simply watch us; you walk with us. So, we ask: Creator of our Universe, stay with us closely when we discover ourselves on difficult parts of our journey. Hold our hand through illness

Monday 6.23 "Hope in God" Psalm 42
Before you dive in today, google "The Long and Winding Road" and just quietly listen to this amazing song. The psalmist basically says, "Look, it's like this..." Like a deer searching for water. Like someone crying day and night. Like someone in deep depression. Like someone who has been forgotten. All of this is just so real in our lives. But the psalmist ends with the power of something so different. "Hope in God! Because I will again give God thanks, my saving presence and my God." This week we look at your own journey with all of the twists and turns and dead ends. What is it that you are dealing with in life that feels like you are taking a detour, like it is taking forever to find the right way? Where is your hope helping you?

Tuesday 6.24 "Where Is God?" 1 Kings 19:1-15a
Elijah was terrified and traumatized as he fled from Queen Jezebel. He was exhausted and alone. Talk about a long and winding road! Think back into your life. When were some of the most terrifying, traumatizing, exhausting, and lonely times in your life? How did you get through them? (Or perhaps you aren't through them yet?) How did God play a part in this part of your journey?

Wednesday 6.25 "There Is God!" Luke 8:26-39
Jesus and his disciples traveled across the Sea of Galilee to escape the pressure of ministry on the Jewish side of the lake. As they stepped out of the boat, they ran right into a whole different situation with all of the stress it brought with it. One of the amazing parts of this story is that the man with demons recognized Jesus. He knew who Jesus was, what he stood for, and what he could do. The demons in this man knew what they were up against. It does not happen all the time, but there are moments in our lives when we can see and recognize God in the moment. When have you been on the long and winding road and recognized God?

Thursday 6.26 "The Good Samaritan" Luke 10:25-37
The road from Jerusalem down to Jericho is literally the long and winding road. It was a physically difficult road that was incredibly dangerous in Jesus' day, especially if you were foolish enough to travel it alone. Look carefully at the predicament the man who was attacked was in. This week the scripture passages were especially chosen to help you see yourself in the stories. Elijah fleeing from death threats, a man with demons coming back into his right mind, the good Samaritan, and tomorrow the Prodigal Son. Each of these has

in common that someone in the story was fleeing something and eventually each of them returned to something. In the Beatles' song the words say, "The wild and windy night that the rain washed away has left a pool of tears crying for the day. Why leave me standing here? Let me know the way." and "Don't keep me waiting here. Lead me to your door." There is the power of our gospel.

Friday 6.27 "The Prodigal Son" Luke 15:11-32
From the song: "Many times I've been alone, and many times I've cried. Anyway, you'll never know the many ways I've tried. But still, they lead me back to the long winding road." So many times, in our lives we grieve where we have been and all the wrong turns we have made. The point of God's grace is that where you have been is nowhere near as important as where you are going... back to God's embrace.

Saturday 6.28 "Not Alone in the Dark Valley" Psalm 23
The King James translation of this psalm says, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me..." Our lives are a mess in many ways, and God meets us right there in the middle of the mess, never letting us go. Take the time today to be in prayer, even if only for a short time. Give thanks to God for God's presence on your journey. Invite God to keep walking with you.



Sermon Notes

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