

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.

February's Mission Project: Women Build is a Habitat for Humanity program empowering women to learn construction skills, fundraise, and build affordable homes, addressing housing inequality and fostering community strength. Foundations of Faith is a group of United Methodist female clergy who are working together in fundraising activities to build a house. Monetary gifts can be checks or cash (denote "February Mission Project") or given through the CLUMC website at: clumc.com. Contact Stephanie Eliason at the church office 605-348-1080.

Beloved Women's Conference: February 6th & 7th. You're invited to Downtown Mitchell First United Methodist Church for their first EVER Women's Conference! Simulcast from the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, this two-day women's conference experience features worship, encouragement and connection. All women are welcome! Bring a friend as we gather together to be reminded that we are deeply loved! Sign up online <https://forms.gle/dpnjGReJCrk6VGJe6>

Calendar at a Glance

February 6-7: Beloved Women's Conference

February 14-15: UWF Weekend at all services

February 16: Presidents' Day – Office Closed

February 18: Ash Wednesday Worship at 6 PM

February 21: Bruch Bunch, 8:30 AM in Classroom 1 & 2



For the week of
February 1, 2026

Canyon Lake
United Methodist Church
Rapid City, SD

"Love Them"

It is not always easy to do things in love. Sometimes it means doing something that is unpopular or something that will not be well received. In those times it can be easier to simply stay quiet or not act. But Jesus didn't shy away from the hard decisions. And he calls us to look at the world through love, and then to act and speak through love in all that we do towards all of our neighbors, those who are similar and those who are different, even those who we consider to be our enemies.

Prayer: Loving God, you created us in love and call us to love. But while your love is perfect, ours is flawed and often lacking. We might be scared of what showing your kind of love will mean for us in our lives. Or we may not understand how your love could possibly be meant for some of those around us. Help us to rely on you, to draw from your unending love, and to shine that love back out to our world in all that we say and do. Amen.

Monday 2.2 "Love God, Love Others" Matthew 22:34-40
Everything, all of it, the entirety of God's story and desire for us can be boiled down to this idea of loving God and loving others. It's the entire point! Yet it can be very easy to miss this. And even harder to live it out. How do you live out this passage? When do you find it hard to live out this passage?

Tuesday 2.3 "The Good Samaritan" Luke 10:25-37
When we keep love for God at the center of our being, love for our neighbor becomes a superpower, helping us to do things others, and even ourselves, might consider impossible. Like crossing cultural barriers to offer aid to a stranger. When is a time that your love for God has empowered you to show love of neighbor in a way that may have been difficult?

Wednesday 2.4 "Compassionate Healing" Luke 7:21

How many of those Jesus healed had been suffering for years? How many had lost livelihoods because they couldn't work, or had lost connection out of fear of spreading disease? While you and I may not be able to heal as Jesus did, how can our words and actions of love offer physical, mental, and emotional compassionate healing?

Thursday 2.5 "Compassionate Acceptance" Luke 7:36-50

This woman was an outcast. We see it in the way each person treated her. Except Jesus. He looked at her and didn't just see her profession. He saw HER, as the person of worth that she was, just like everyone else. In what ways can we reach beyond prejudice to show love in word and action to those in need of acceptance?

Friday 2.6 "Compassionate Justice" Matthew 23:1-12

The Pharisees didn't have everything wrong. Much of what they taught was based on scripture. But their actions left much to be desired. They set unrealistic expectations for people, and then seemed to just watch them struggle and fail. Jesus wanted all to be given the hand up that they needed and, in love, he offered that hand. How can we live out love in the pursuit of justice in our community? Nation? World? Towards those we agree with? Towards those we disagree with?

Saturday 2.8 "Worth and Dignity" Luke 4:18-19
Jesus is reading the prophet Isaiah in this passage. Isaiah was looking forward to the coming of God's new creation, when all would be made

right. It seems humanity often decides that by virtue of a lower status, whatever determines it, a person is less worthy of dignity. A timely example is the dehumanizing language and violent actions used toward immigrants and their supporters. Jesus reminded us this was not, and is not, God's will. How might Jesus' example lead us to respond when we encounter such language or actions? How does Jesus' example lead us to act towards those who speak and act in such ways?

Sermon Notes

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