

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.

August Mission: CLUMC supports Meadowbrook Elementary School by providing school supplies like wide rule notebooks, crayons, 2 pencils, a box of tissues, pointed scissors, pink erasers, pencil boxes, plain solid pocket folders, glue sticks, colored markers & pencils, & dry erase markers. Clothes such as girls' leggings, boys' sweatpants (sizes 5-10), new socks and underwear are needed. Monetary gifts for children's lunches can be check or cash (denote 'August Mission Project') or given through CLUMC website: clumc.com

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.

UMCOR Kerrville Texas: Countless families and communities in the Kerrville, Texas Area are facing the aftermath of flooding. UMCOR is one of the best ways to support disaster relief. One hundred percent of donations to a specific Advance fund is used for direct response. Checks and cash contributions can be made to "CLUMC" with "UMCOR Kerrville Relief" written on the memo line.

Host Family: A word to you about becoming a host family for an exchange student! There is a need in western South Dakota for seventeen host families in order to bring high school students from other countries here to study for a school year. International Cultural Exchange Services (ICES) and ABC Education Group are working together to help this happen. If you are interested, contact Pastor Scott, and he will give you contact information.

August 23rd Canyon Lake UWF Retreat: Save the date and prepare to be enriched and comforted by gathering with other women in faith. The theme of this Retreat is Everyday Angels. We will have stories about the theme, scripture readings, and conversation. Of course, we will have lots of food and fun as we create Prayer Boxes to take home and gifts to give to The Women's and Children's Home. A registration sheet will be in the Narthex of the church on Saturday and Sunday. We will hold this retreat at First Methodist Church from 8:30 to 1:00, and the price will be \$10.00. We ask participants to bring any of the following for the gifts we will put together: any kind of cake mix, a small 10-oz frosting can, Sprinkles, and birthday candles.

September 27: 75th Dinner & Music Celebration, 4:30 PM for Tours, 5:30 PM Dinner, Cost \$20 per person. On August 9th tickets are available online clumc.com, August 16th & 17th in person after Church Service.



For the week of
August 10, 2025
Canyon Lake
United Methodist Church
Rapid City, SD

"The Sign of Jonah"

There was a moment when Jesus was confronted. People wanted to see signs. They wanted to witness miracles. They wanted to know that Jesus was the Messiah. Now prove it! His response? "This generation is an evil generation; it seeks a sign, but no sign shall be given to it except the sign of Jonah." (Luke 11:29) Jonah was sent to a despised people in a despised country to witness for God. The "sign of Jonah"? God commands and we should follow. God speaks and we should repent. This week we explore what it means to follow this "sign of Jonah" and witness to our own people and country.

Prayer: Lord, guide us that we might follow your commands in our lives. When we run from your will, when we hide from your word, we are hurting only ourselves. Help us to witness your love to others around us. Shine in us and through us that others may come to know you, even if it is in ways and places, we would not choose ourselves! Amen.

Monday 8.11 "The Sign of Jonah"

Luke 11:29-32

Whaaaaat? What are you talking about? We read this passage and wonder what in heaven's name Jesus is talking about. This was not something that was overly complicated. Jonah was called by God to take a message to the people of Ninevah. He did NOT want to go. The old saying says, "You can run, but you can't hide!" That was exactly what Jonah experienced. He traveled by

ship into the storm, was thrown off the ship into the belly of the fish, and finally out of the fish onto the very shore he had refused to go to. There he witnessed to the city of Ninevah, and the people actually listened to him, repenting before God. The "sign of Jonah" is us understanding that God calls us not to run away but to obey. The "sign of Jonah" is us hearing the call to repent and actually doing so. In your life, how have you been Jonah?

Tuesday 8.12

"Jonah Overboard!"

Jonah 1

We do not always hear or understand the voice of God in our lives. But Jonah did! He heard it, understood it, and ran just as fast as he could to avoid it! How have you avoided God's voice in your life? Where? When? How? Why?

Wednesday 8.13

"Jonah Delivered"

Jonah 2

As Jonah lived in the darkness of the fish for those three days, he called to God. We have all experienced darkness. Sometimes it is literal darkness in the dead of night. Other times we live in the metaphor of darkness: the darkness of the soul, the darkness of pain, the darkness of betrayal. Before we jump to Jonah, being spit back out into the light, stay in the remembrance of darkness. When was a time in your life that you lived in the darkness?

Thursday 8.14

"Jonah at Ninevah"

Jonah 3

God asked Jonah to witness God's power and presence to the people of Ninevah, commanding them to repent. And they did! Much to Jonah's consternation, these "evil foreigners" turned to God and repented in their living. And God did not destroy them. Stop to think: There are times when we think that God should act for justice. The problem is that God's version of justice and our version of justice are often not in agreement. We want God to give those people that we hate what they have coming to them. To us it just seems that this is not fair. We often do not want God's justice. We want OUR justice. What do you see as the difference between God's justice and ours?

Friday 8.15

"Jonah Disgusted"

Jonah 4

God did not destroy the people of Ninevah, and Jonah was just plain disgusted. God showed the people grace, and that was the last thing Jonah wanted to see. So, Jonah went out on a hill overlooking Ninevah and in effect pouted. So, God sent a plant to shade him and give him a little comfort... and then the plant died! Jonah was now doubly angry as nothing seemed to go his way. But God was there teaching him. "Really? You are upset because a plant died, and you wouldn't be upset if a whole city died?" Just a little bit of hypocrisy, Jonah??? This is a good week to look in the mirror and ask ourselves how we are hypocrites. When have been the times when you have gone against God's word while all the time claiming to be living God's word?

Saturday 8.16

"Don't Hide Your Light!"

Luke 11:29-36

It's the same passage as we began the week with, except this time we added the next four verses. Are you ready to follow the "sign of Jonah" in obedience and repentance? If so, then you can also be ready to let God's light shine. Let

your whole body, your whole life radiate Christ's love to those around you. Witnessing to God's love means that light has to shine. You are greater than the darkness in you and around you. Shine!

Sermon Notes



Calendar at a Glance

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

August 16: Native American Awareness Workshop - Native American Spirituality Beliefs and Practices, 9:00 AM - Noon, Spearfish United Methodist Church, 845 North 5th Street, Spearfish, SD

August 23: Canyon Lake UWF Retreat at First Methodist Church from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

September 1: Labor Day (Church Office Closed)

September 2: Fall Office Hours Resume

September 6: The Tom Pfeifle Memorial 5k fun Run/Walk at 9 AM Paider Park

September 7: Fall Worship Times Begin

September 7: Sunday School Resumes

September 7: Kitchen Clean Day Noon-4 PM, All are welcome to come help for all or part of the time. Deep cleaning of walls, floors, and storage spaces. Sandwich lunch will be provided.

September 10: Wednesday Evening Activities Resume

September 11 & 12: District UWF Retreat at Storm Mountain

September 21: Special Charge Conference, 9:30 AM @ CLUMC

September 27: 75th Dinner & Music Celebration @ CLUMC CLC

September 30: Blood Drive 2-6 PM CLUMC CLC Gym

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. / Friday 9 a.m.- 12 noon