

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.

Black Hills Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will be creating Hygiene Kits for our community in March. Please donate any UNUSED travel containers of shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotions, deodorants, toothbrushes and toothpaste, washcloths, hand towels, etc. For this worthy cause.

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE: Will you be a full-time student in an education program that leads to a career in healthcare, nursing, or a medical-related field in the Fall of 2026? If so, consider applying for the Mary & Glen Fiala Scholarship offered through the Dakotas Minnesota Methodist Foundations and Canyon Lake UMC.

<https://forms.office.com/r/VpYwHr4Nts>

Canyon Lake UMC announces the opening of a staff position for church office manager. This position is 25 hours per week, Monday through Friday. Contact Pastor Scott at Scott.McKirdy@clumc.com, by office phone at (605)348-1080, or by cell at (605) 269-1358 for information. Pick up an application at the church office.

Attention of Caffeine Lovers! If you are able, please drop your coffee offering in the designated areas of the Coffee Café. The church cost per 8 oz. cup is about 40 cents.

Calendar at a Glance

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
March 6-7: Men's Retreat at Storm Mountain
March 8: Daylight Savings Time Begins



For the week of
February 15, 2026
Canyon Lake
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Rapid City, SD

“What Comes Next?”!

This week we are looking for another “Burning Question” in the current sermon series. This one is “**What Comes Next?**”! We live in turbulent times but there have been turbulent times before and we have come through them to the other side. Sometimes we can see the path before us clearly, and sometimes we can’t. If we know that God has a plan for each of us and we can trust that the plan He has is for our good, we can keep hope alive. Each day has possibilities that we have never thought about. Each day has new ways to process our situation. Abraham, Moses, Peter, and Paul are people who stepped up to the challenge before them. God called them to a special purpose, and they discovered they were up to the challenge as they stepped up and out, without worrying about what comes next. We can learn from their stories, just like we can learn from each other’s stories.

Prayer: Mighty and Glorious God, we get confused about what comes next in our lives. You have helped the people of the scripture to find their way forward in much worse times than we face. We trust in Your plan for us, and we know that Your plan is for our good, even when we can’t see what will come next. Help us step out in faith and trust as we live each day and help us use the possibilities that each day provides to show others who You are by the things we say and do. Help us to reflect Your love and patience to a world in turmoil. Amen

Monday, February 16 Genesis 12:1-7

When God spoke to Abram, Abram followed His orders. Do you think he had doubts? Was God really promising him many, many descendants, and land ... and fame? Do you think Abram was afraid? Even a little bit nervous? Have you ever felt a little voice in your head that urged you to go places or do things that were unexpected? Did you do it? What happened? Was it God who was calling? Did you trust and obey?

Tuesday, February 17 Genesis 3:9- 12 and 4:10-12

When God called on Moses to go to the Pharaoh, Moses was not thrilled with the idea by any means! There are times when we, also, are asked to do things that we don't think we can do, or that we are not comfortable with. Have you been in that situation? Did anyone stand by you and make the job easier? Have you ever stood by someone else? Once we find that we don't have to do a task alone and that we have help, we find that we can accomplish what is asked of us. God is always with us.

Wednesday, February 18 Matthew 1:18-25

Joseph was in a predicament. His fiancée was expecting a baby, but not by Him. What a disgrace and embarrassment! He loved her, so he would break their engagement quietly and privately. Then along came an angel from God and everything changed. Joseph listened and went against all of the rules to enact God's plan. It is hard to stand against the status quo. It is hard to stand up in the face of gossip and judgement by others. Just think of how Joseph's decision to stand by Mary changed the course of history! He was only a poor carpenter, but he had faith in God. He knew that this was bigger than him and that he needed to follow God's plan for the baby. Little did he know that he would be remembered forever for the leap of faith that he took. Do you have tough decisions weighing you down? In the long run, it's not about us. It's about following what God wants us to do.

Thursday, February 19 Matthew 28:16-20

Here, Jesus has given His eleven remaining disciples a command: "Go and make disciples of all nations." What were their thoughts? "What? How? To Whom?? ALL of them???" Were the disciples skilled speakers or organizers? Probably no more than we are. What a leap of faith! Have you ever had to just trust and hope the Lord knew what He was asking of you? I'm sure that you are not alone in that! Well, God does indeed know who, and what, He is asking.

Friday, February 20 Acts 9:1-19

You are probably quite familiar with Saul's conversion to Paul on the road to Damascus. He went on to spread the good news throughout the Roman Empire, as God called him to do, and also wrote the letters that have inspired understanding and inspiration in the Bible. Yeah, THAT Paul. Talk about a complete 180! If God could call on Saul to trust and obey, He can certainly put us to work for Him, too. Maybe it will be a quiet whisper; maybe it will be a

knock upside the head; maybe it will be a blinding light. We just need to be ready and willing when that call comes.

Saturday, February 21 Acts 9:1-19

Once again, let's take a look at this scripture. Sometimes we forget about the other guy who followed God's lead - Ananias. God called him, and he answered, "Here I Am, Lord!" When Ananias heard what he was to do, though, he became understandably frightened. However, Ananias did take that leap of faith, and now just think about the wonderful things that his actions led to, through the ministry of Paul. We may not be called to great things, but our small actions, with God's lead, can allow great things to happen. So, take the leap, and remember that with God, all things are possible.

Sermon Notes

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