

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.

November Mission: Christmas Shoeboxes for the Tree of Life Ministry: Help us make a child happy by filling a Christmas-wrapped shoebox with toys, books, games, dolls, a car, playdough, a ball, craft items, a warm winter hat, and mittens. Be Sure all the items fit inside the box. Close the lid and securely tape the tag (gender and age). Place rubber band(s) around the whole shoebox. Return the filled box to the church narthex by 12/1/25. Finally, smile, you just made a child's Christmas come true.

OneHeart – Thank you Canyon Lake UMC! Together, you raised \$850, supplied 3 beds with sheets, comforters, and provided numerous toiletries. Thank you for your generosity.

It's a Wrap!!! It's time again to wrap boxes for the Christmas Project. Please take as many shoeboxes & wrapping papers as you would like/can. We need 200-300 festive shoeboxes to be ready next month.

In this together.... Solar Oven Partners in Rapid City are now packaging four reflector panels with two potholders. Solar ovens will be sent to Dominican Republic, Sierra Leone (West Africa) and Navajo Nation (New Mexico) in 2026. We need **cotton fabric** to make potholders. If you have cotton fabric, cotton batting, or if you want to make a monetary donation - please drop it off in the church office. Thank you.

Stewardship Reminder – Please Return Pledge Cards – If you haven't already returned your 2026 Estimate of Giving Card, there is still time! You can drop your card by the church office, bring it to worship, or put it in the mail.

2025 Photo Directory: If you were unable to get professional photographs done here at the church, can you please send us a family photo for the 2025 Photo Directory? Your photo will help complete this directory. Please send a photo to the church by November 15, 2025. Please submit your photo to office@clumc.com or call 605-348-1080 here at the church so we can assist you. If you would like to use a professional photo taken elsewhere, you will need to obtain a release form from the photographer.

Calendar at a Glance

November 7: Grace UMC, Annual Turkey Dinner 4-7 PM

November 11: Veterans' Day - Office Closed

November 11: No Faith Builders meeting & Dangerous Women will be meeting

November 15: Life Line Screening - In the CLC Gym 8 AM - 5:30 PM **November 16:** Annual Charge Conference - Potluck at noon; Annual meeting will immediately follow.

November 22 & 23: UWF Pie Sale

November 27 & 28: Office Closed (Thanksgiving Holiday)

November 30: Christmas Potluck & Sing-Along

December 1: Deadline to return Christmas Shoeboxes

December 6 & 7: Christmas Cantata

December 14: Children's Christmas Program

December 21: Longest Night Service @ 5:30 PM

December 24: Christmas Eve Services @ 2 PM, 4 PM, 6 PM, and 10 PM

December 28: One combined Sunday Service @ 9 AM

THE PATH

For the week of
November 9, 2025
Canyon Lake
United Methodist Church
Rapid City, SD

“The Table of Love”

Love seems so simple, yet it often ends up being hard to show in our words and actions. We can get caught up in trying to decide who is “worthy” of our love. Jesus showed and taught us about God’s revolutionary love. Love that goes beyond anything we can comprehend, through all boundaries we try to put up. He invited us to participate in this revolutionary love, where everyone is our neighbor, and promised to help us along the way, knowing we would struggle.

Prayer: Lord, open our hearts, our minds, and our doors. Help all of them be wide open first to you and then to those around us. Bless us so that we can bless our neighbors. Guide us so that we can guide those who are lost around us. Help us in our daily lives so that we can hear the cries for help in our own community. Open our lives so that we can open our hearts and minds and doors. Amen.

God's love for us will follow us everywhere! No matter what we have done, where we have gone, who we have been, God's love for us never diminishes! It's nice when we remember this about God's love for ourselves, but hard when we remember this about God's love for others, even our enemies. Do you find it hard or easy to recall that God's love extends to those you don't agree with, or even would call your enemy?

God's love changes us. God's love empowers us to live more like Christ, to follow more closely the path God desires for us. God's love names us *children of God*! Whatever else I may be, I am first God's beloved child and I am then called to change my life to reflect that. And it is God's love that enables and empowers us to do so!

God's steadfast love is a theme referenced over 200 times in the bible. The Hebrew term *khesed* means an active, profound love and loyalty going beyond duty. It involves enduring commitment and generosity. This is God's love for us. A love that will never run out or turn away, that clings to us not because God "has to" but because God *wants to!*

All we do is meant to come from love. Our thoughts, words, and actions. Our world is imperfect and there is much out there that does not come from love and that can make it very hard for us to respond from a place of love. When is a time that your thoughts words or actions did not come from a place of love? How can you respond out of love in a similar situation in the future?

"And wanting to justify himself..." The man didn't want to have to admit he had been doing "love" wrong. He had put up boundaries to define who was deserving of love and who wasn't. He hoped Jesus would answer in a way that would let him continue as he had been doing. What boundaries exist to your love that you would be uncomfortable if Jesus asked you to cross?

"Love her as I have loved her." It's not every day I get to



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