

## 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](http://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](mailto: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.

**The Easter Flower Purchase:** the cost for each arrangement is \$15; order must be completed by March 22, 2026. Make checks payable to CLUMC. If you have any questions, please email or call the office (605-348-1080), [office@clumc.com](mailto:office@clumc.com). These flowers will decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, and then you may take your arrangement home with you following whichever Easter Worship you attend. We will donate flowers not picked up by April 9, 2026.

### Calendar at a Glance

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



For the week of  
**February 22, 2026**  
Canyon Lake  
United Methodist Church  
Rapid City, SD

### "Dig Another Well"

And so Lent begins, a forty-day journey through faith that culminates on Easter, which this year is April 5. Our worship series is "Dig Another Well". In this month and a half ahead of us during these six weeks of prayer and preparation, we are going to be exploring what it means to share our faith with others. Sometimes this means sharing faith with our words. Most of the time it means sharing our faith with our actions. Faith is not something that we simply have and then keep to ourselves. Faith truly becomes faith when we use our beliefs and actions to strengthen others for the journeys we walk. Join the journey!

Prayer: O God our deliverer, you led your people of old through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, On God, now and forever. Amen.

**Monday 2.23**      **"Dig Another Well"**      **Genesis 26:12-22**

Isaac became a very rich man, and this was incredibly threatening to his neighbors. They began to fill in all the wells that had been his, hoping to squeeze him out of the neighborhood. Instead of retaliation with violence, Isaac instead just kept digging more wells. One at a time he either dug a new well or re-opened an old well. The first well he called "Esek", which meant "a quarrel" because of the tension he was living in with his neighbors. The second was called "Sitnah", which meant "accusation" for the same reason. But the next well was dug in with no threats and arguments. He called this one "Rehoboth" which means "open spaces". This is our task during these weeks of Lent. We are in search of the open spaces in our life. It's time to dig another well.

**Tuesday 2.24**      **"Knowing God?"**      **Psalm 139:1-12**

God is huge, unfathomable. God knows and loves us so intimately. But our faith is in a God who is so vast, so mysterious, and so very different that we are. We fumble in our understandings of such a God. But we can learn to speak and act more openly and authentically as God teaches us. How do you know God? In the Psalm today, there are so many deep understandings of God. What are your deepest moments of faith? A conversion experience? A tiny moment of awe is Christmas Eve worship? A nudge, a whisper, a tickle from God? Healing? Forgiveness? Everyone's experience of God is different.

**Wednesday 2.25                    "Thank you, God"                    Philippians 4:4-7**  
The Apostle Paul opens his letters with thanksgiving and praise. And then Paul closes the same letters with thanksgiving and praise again. In the midst of a life that at times was just crazy, Paul gave thanks for all of it. What about you? What is it that you thank God most for?

**Thursday 2.26      "Prayer for the Children"      Mark 10:13-16**  
Jesus loved children. The gospels tell many stories of him with kids: healing children, bringing a little girl back to life, and Jesus himself as a child. We know this: Children are really precious to God. Today we join God in claiming this preciousness. We do this by praying for children. Imagine a child. Now imagine that you are holding this child's hand. Ask Christ to surround that child with love, protection, and healing. Pray for their safety as they grow. As you move throughout your day today, notice the children you see. Pray for them through the day.

**Friday 2.27      "What Difference Does It Make?      Luke 9:18-27**  
If someone asked you what religion was yours, you would probably say, "I'm a Christian." But what does that mean? What difference does it make that you are a Christian? Most of us are not very clear about who Jesus is in our lives? So, what do you think? Is Jesus a great teacher for you? A great prophet? A vague, historical figure of holiness or comfort?

An example of kindness and service? Your savior? What does he save you from? What practical and what real difference does it make that you are a Christian?

**Saturday 2.28 "Free-form Prayer!" Your choice of scripture**  
Pick your own scripture today! Read through it multiple times. Slow down. Absorb it. Now take the time to pray about what this passage triggers in you!

# Sermon Notes

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