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.

Our June Mission will be VBS: The mission this month is Vacation Bible School which is our three evening Bible School fun event July 28th through 30. This month we are giving you the opportunity to give a donation, help purchase supplies, and/or volunteer. See the table outside the church or talk to Erin Woods.

Praise Band Fundraiser: Time to raise for praise!! We are in need of: Drum kit, Guitar amps, Guitar pedals, Microphones, and Monitors. To contribute, visit CLUMC.com/give and click on the worship band fundraiser! Cash and checks are also accepted, write worship band in memo!! Any amount is greatly appreciated. Our goal is about \$7000.

Discipleship Retreat/Class: Pastor Stephanie is excited to announce that there will be a one-day Discipleship Retreat at Canyon Lake UMC this summer. It will be held June 21st from 9 am-2 pm and will include a potluck lunch. What is the Discipleship Retreat/Class, you might ask? This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the United Methodist Church as a whole and about Canyon Lake UMC specifically, as well as learning about what membership in a UM church means. Anyone and everyone are welcome to attend the class. It is wonderful for folks new to Canyon Lake, new to the United Methodist Church, or even for folks who have grown up UM or in Canyon Lake but want to know more or get a refresher.

Mission U 2025: "Practicing Hope" by Tabatha Holley. Mission u is a transformative educational program that encompasses both Bible-based curricula and events. Interested in deepening your faith in community? Gaining experience interpreting Scripture? Working toward healing for yourself, your community, and all of creation? Mission u is for you! Registration is due by June 15, 2025, and you need a brochure for registration. Please stop by the office for your brochure. For more information and to purchase the curriculum, with this link https://uwfaith.org/events/mission-u/

Calendar at a Glance

June 28: Pride in the Park 2025 "Live Outloud, Love Outloud", Memorial Park in Rapid City, 10 AM – 4 PM

June 29: Honduras Mission Trip Presentation at CLUMC @ 11:15 in Classroom 2

June 29: Drop-off for Rumage Sale Begins

July 11 – 13: Mission U at Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell, SD

July 19 & 20: Canyon Lake UMC Rummage Sale

July 28-30 Vacation Bible School

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



For the week of June 8, 2025

Canyon Lake
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"Pentecost: Old and New"

Pentecost is a long-standing Jewish harvest party, a Christian celebration as old as Jesus' Church, and a Greek word that means "fiftieth." The Pentecost story described in the New Testament is a 1st-century event in Jerusalem where people's heads caught fire (sort of), an indoor windstorm swirled through a party, and everyone was confused or panicking. And then the people with fiery heads became spontaneously multilingual.

By itself, the Pentecost story in Acts 2 looks kind of bizarre. But seeing what happened on the day of Pentecost within Scripture's larger narrative makes the story more clear. Luke, the author of Acts, is a historian, not a news reporter. He's telling us what happened by drafting a story that intentionally maps onto repeated Old Testament patterns and themes. Parts of this week's Path is based on a 5 day study available on YouVersion and written by Bible Project.

Prayer: Speaking God, you have never stopped talking to us or hearing us. Since you created us, you have longed to connect more deeply to us and through us to all creation. Help us hear you, help us answer you, help us speak your words to all creation! Amen.

Monday 6.9 "Pentecost"

Acts 1-2

This is not the first time that a divine, brilliant fire shows up out of nowhere and doesn't burn anything up. When we see the first Pentecost (in Acts 2) in context, it's not just about God giving people instantaneous multilingual skills or the fiery sign of the Holy Spirit's presence. This story also marks the beginning of a new world.

Tuesday 6.10 "A Dwelling Place" Ex. 40:34-38, 2 Chron. 7:1-3 In the Hebrew Bible, mysterious windstorms with fire or lightning are consistently associated with two things: God's presence and the formation of a temple. This is a tangible sign that God's presence has settled in his temple *in the midst* of his people's community life.

Wednesday 6.11 "A New Dwelling Place" 1 Peter 2:5

The temple is changing again. People will meet with God not in a geographic place or constructed space but in connection with those who choose to trust and follow Jesus. God's fire shines with power and harms nobody, and it ignites a cosmic revolution, the Church. The story tells us that God now dwells within the community of Jesus followers. This living temple is *made of people* who operate like Jesus, ending fear and oppression with love and peacefully teaching humanity how to love and bless one another. In this sense, Pentecost marks the beginning of a new world.

Thursday 6.12 "A New Baptism" Isaiah 52:7-10, Acts 10:34-43 After Jesus' resurrection, he has spoken of the Kingdom of God to the disciples, and they are ready to see it come about. But Jesus tells them to wait for a special moment, a baptism by the Holy Spirit that will allow them to witness everywhere and to everyone about the different way God's Kingdom will manifest, not by division or conquering, but by loving kindness and patient forgiveness. Have there been times when you need more than your own strength to live into this kind of mindset?

Friday 6.13 "The Whole World Came" Acts 2:7

Jesus' apostles are all Jewish and from a small world, the northern Galilean part of Israel They speak the same language. So getting the good news of Jesus to the whole world with them alone would be tricky.

Unless—what if the whole world came to them, and they quickly became multilingual?

Saturday 6.14 "To the Whole World We Go" Isaiah 49:6, Matthew 28:18-20

It's almost like Isaiah was foreshadowing this Acts 2 Pentecost in the Old Testament. Back when Isaiah was promising the eventual restoration of Israel, he spoke for Yahweh, saying, "You are my witnesses ... and I am God. Even from eternity, I am he" (Isa. 43:12-13). Now, the people hear Jesus saying, "You shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and as far as the remotest part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). That's a whole-world statement—nobody gets left behind.



Sermon Notes

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