

Upcoming Events/Announcements

If you know of someone who has become homebound or who has moved to a care center, please let us know so that we may include them in our caring ministries. We love our whole church family and want to ensure that everyone is included, remembered, and loved.

Our November mission project is Christmas Shoeboxes. Our goal is to fill at least 200 boxes for Tree of Life, located in Mission on the Rosebud Reservation. Take gift tags and wrapped shoeboxes from the lobby. Your gift tag indicates who you are buying for, and it also has a list of gift ideas. Use the list of suggested items as a place to start. When you are finished shopping, place a rubber band around the filled box, affix the gift tag to the box, and bring your shoebox back to the church by Sunday, November 26.

Pastor Scott's Invitation to Tuesday Table Talk. Join Pastor Scott each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Coffee Café for conversation with all who would like to go deeper into the sermon from the week before. (NOTE: Table Talk is cancelled this week due to the Charge Conference).

Do you receive our Wednesday eNewsletter? If you do not receive our emailed Wednesday newsletter and would like to, please note "eNews" on the friendship pad next to your email address. You can also email or call the office and let us know.

If you would like a copy of Adam Hamilton's *Prepare the Way for the Lord*, the book which will guide us through our Advent sermon series, sign up on the clipboard in the lobby or contact the office.

Join Bishop Lanette Plambeck and the Dakotas-Minnesota Conference of the United Methodist Church in support of the **FIVE AND TWO* 2023 Thanksgiving Offering**, which raises funds for our neighbors facing food insecurity or food scarcity. Mark your gift "Five and Two" (*John 6:5-12).

Mark Your Calendars

Tuesday, November 14: CLUMC Charge Conference @ 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 15: Forgiveness Conversations with Chris Heacock @ 4:30 p.m.

November 16 & 17: World Bicycle Tour Slide Show with Bruce & Tass @ 7 p.m. in the CLC

Saturday, November 18 & Sunday, November 19: UWF Annual Pie Sale

Saturday, December 2: UWF Christmas Brunch @ 10 a.m.

Sunday, December 3: Christmas Potluck & Sing-Along @ 12 Noon.

Saturday, December 16 and Sunday, December 17: CLUMC Christmas Cantata (at all services)



THE PATH

For the week of November 12, 2023

Canyon Lake
United Methodist Church
Rapid City, SD

Half-Truths:

God Won't Give You More than You Can Handle

We really want to think that God doesn't give us more in our lives than we can handle. The problem is that this is a half-truth; we do get hammered with so much that can be so overwhelming. What we will explore this week is how God can give us the strength we need to meet the temptations and challenges. We want God to take the problems away, but in reality, the problems are very stubborn. God walks with us to give the strength we need to meet these issues head-on.

Prayer: God of Love, we thank you for all with which you have blessed us even to this day: for the gift of joy in days of health and strength, and for the gifts of your abiding presence and promise in days of pain and grief. We praise you for home and friends, and for our baptism and place in your church with all who came before us and will come after us. Fill this day and this week with your presence as you walk with us through each day. Amen.

Monday 11.13 "Strength in Temptation" 1 Cor. 10:1-13
"God won't give you more than you can handle." This is true only to a certain point. Overwhelm is a powerful reality in our lives. In this passage Paul speaks of God meeting us in our temptations (craving evil things, worshiping false gods, sexual immorality) but NOT trials and hardships. But God is present and faithful in our temptations. How have you experienced this?

Tuesday 11.14 "Our Cravings vs. God's Gifts" James 1:11-15
Actually, God is not the one who tempts us. We set ourselves up for temptations in most settings. From not being able to resist one more donut, to being tempted into one more drink, to seemingly being helpless in avoiding the next tempting situation, our cravings and habits set us up for failure. What do you think? In your life is this true or false? Why?

Wednesday 11.15 "Give God Your Anxiety" 1 Peter 5:5-7
We carry sooooo much anxiety with us through our everyday living. We often even feel guilty if we aren't feeling guilty! God is not the one dumping temptation and guilt on us, but God is the one who knows and walks with us through the difficult messes we find ourselves in. There are ways to let go of anxiety, to stop worrying. One of these ways is to name a specific worry and then in prayer give it to God. Take time for prayer today and give your anxiety to God. (You may have to do the same thing again tomorrow! Keep doing it.)

Thursday 11.16 "Shepherd" Psalm 23
No, really, we are not alone. God walks with us "through the valley of the shadow of death." We are not alone. What is it that is overwhelming in your life right now? Close your eyes. Imagine yourself physically carrying a box that contains the overwhelming thing. As you walk, picture God literally walking beside you and then offering to carry the box for you. How does that feel? Now, let God continue to carry that box all the way through your day.

Friday 11.17 "God Always Near" Psalm 46
Verse 1 "God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble." It's not that God prevents difficult things from happening in our lives. Life just happens in so many ways, but God is always present. Things that happen may indeed be too much for you to handle... alone. God often moves through the hands of other people. How have you experienced God's love through others during really difficult moments in your life?

Saturday 11.18 "No Separation" Romans 8:35, 37-39
Nothing can separate us from God's love. There is no separation. Simply relax, breathe quietly, and read this passage slowly three times. What is God saying to you today?



Sermon Notes
