

## 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. Begin by taking gift tags and wrapped shoeboxes from the lobby. Note that 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 and ask the young people in your life what they might like to receive. 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. (We still also need more shoeboxes; please drop them by the church office).

**Pastor Scott's Invitation to Tuesday Table Talk.** I have been plotting and planning about how to take people deeper into faith. So, here's an invitation. Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. from here on out, I am meeting in the Coffee Cafe with any and all who would like to go deeper into the sermon topic you just heard on Saturday / Sunday. The conversation happens in small, intergenerational groups at the table. The conversation is deep and surprising, personally challenging and a lot of fun. You can come for one time or every time. There's no obligation. Just show up and get ready to grow in faith. It's time for Tuesday Table Talk.

**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.

**Our Children's Ministry program is looking for a working, used television.** Contact Erin Woods if you have upgraded your television and have a spare to share.

### Mark Your Calendars

**Tuesday, November 14:** CLUMC Charge Conference @ 6:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, November 18 & Sunday, November 19:** CLUMC Annual Pie Sale  
**Saturday, December 2:** UWF Christmas Brunch @ 10 a.m.  
**Saturday, December 16 and Sunday, December 17:** CLUMC Christmas Cantata (at all services)



**For the week of  
November 5, 2023**

**Canyon Lake  
United Methodist Church  
Rapid City, SD**

### Half-Truths:

#### **God Helps Those Who Help Themselves**

Half-truths! Sayings that seem to be true but when we examine them closely discover that they are only true part of the time. So, this week we explore, "God helps those who help themselves." It's not a verse from the Bible. It was most famously made known in Benjamin Franklin's writing in 1755. It is a deep part of our culture, and very likely your life. At best it is a partial truth, but the saying does have some powerful truth underneath it.

**Prayer: God, thank you for grace. Thank you for the many times you have healed us when we did not deserve it. (Pause for a time of silence) Thank you for your love. Thank you for your forgiveness. Thank you for the meaning you bring to our lives. Thank you for rescuing us. (Pause for a time of silence) Please use me, Lord, as your instrument to help others who are in need. I offer myself to you in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Monday 11.6 "Lord, Listen!" Psalm 10:14, 17-18**

There are days when we are fully able to help ourselves and those around us. And then there are the days when the world falls apart, and all we can do is ask God to listen. Verse 17: "Lord, you listen to the desires of those who suffer." When and how have you experienced this?

**Tuesday 11.7 "It's Time to Work" 2 Thes. 3:6-15**

Paul established this community up in Greece in Thessoloniki. As a beginning community, it was incredibly important for everyone to help in the day-to-day living. Some of those in the community, however, interpreted Paul's teachings to mean that Christ was coming back almost immediately, so they stopped working and just waited. Paul is writing to tell them they missed the point. There is a saying, "Get down on your knees and pray as though everything depends on God. Then get up off your knees and work as if everything depended on you!" What has your life experience been with this?

**Wednesday 11.8 "The Good Samaritan" Luke 10:25-37**

Sometimes people are just not able to help themselves. As important as it is for us to work, it is also important to realize the times when this is just not possible. When have you been the Good Samaritan for others? When have others been the Good Samaritan at difficult times in your life?

**Thursday 11.9 "God Grabbed Me" Psalm 18:6, 16-17**

Verse 16 says, "From on high God reached down and grabbed me..." God is our savior in everyday situations. There are moments when it takes the power of God grabbing us in difficult situations. How has this happened to you? How have you seen it in others?

**Friday 11.10 "Don't Judge" Matthew 7:1-6**

One of the things that holds us back from helping others is judging them in negative ways. There are times when we judge people and decide that they do not need or deserve our help. Sometimes this is true, and sometimes it is not. When have you been judged negatively? Was that judging accurate or not? How then do you catch yourself judging others?

**Saturday 11.11 "Keeper" Psalm 121**

All through this psalm we find that God is our "keeper." How do you define that word in your own mind and faith? How do you find it to be true?



**Sermon Notes**

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