

## Upcoming Events/Announcements

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

**LET'S CELEBRATE** our Forward in Faith Capital Campaign this weekend! Join us for refreshments Saturday evening following the 5:30 p.m. service or in between worship services on Sunday.

Our February Mission is a food drive to support Church Response. Let's fill our grocery cart every week in February. ***Give from the heart... Let's fill that cart!***

Canyon Lake UMC will hold an **Ash Wednesday service with Communion on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at 6 p.m.** A soup supper will be served prior to the service at 5 p.m. in the CLC.

**Easter flowers will be available for purchase** to honor or remember our loved ones. A mix of tulips, daffodils, and hyacinth will decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday, and then you may take your flower home with you following whichever Easter worship you attend. The cost is \$15 per flower. Order forms are available in the office or lobby. Please order by March 3.

We are offering new member classes this spring. Option 1: A one-day retreat-style class on Saturday, March 16 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Option 2: A five-week series of one-hour Sunday classes beginning February 25. Talk to Pastor Stephanie for more information or mark "Membership Class" on the friendship pad.

Our church needs some TLC, and our Board of Trustees is asking for your help. If you would like to learn more about the **Adopt-a-Spot** program, contact Sandra at (605) 415-0414.

### Mark Your Calendars

**February 10-11:** Forward in Faith Celebration Weekend

**February 12:** Services for Vonnie Ackerman @ 10 a.m. at CLUMC (lunch following)

**February 14:** Ash Wednesday worship @ 6 p.m. (soup supper @ 5 p.m.)

**February 15:** Singles Sharing Meals @ 11:30 a.m.

**February 18:** Youth Group Breakfast Fundraiser between services

**February 19:** Church office closed for President's Day

**February 24-25:** UWF Weekend @ all services

**April 16:** Blood Drive @ CLUMC



**For the week of  
February 11, 2024**

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

### Torah: Deuteronomy

The word "Deuteronomy" literally means "a second law" or "a copy of the law." It is helpful to remember that in the day when this was written that a huge means of sharing books like this was done by memorizing. The Torah (the first five books of the Old Testament) were the books of the Law. This Law was the bedrock of Jewish faith, so it had to be transmitted with great accuracy. You will find much that is the same with other books of the Torah here, but you will also see differences. Be watching! What are the differences that make this book stand out?

**Bible Reading Hint:** There are times when you will want to slow down and very carefully absorb what is written. There are other times when you will want to speed up skim over parts of the reading. Different passages require different reading patterns over the span of your life. Experiment with the speed of your reading.

**Prayer: Lord of the Hebrews and Lord of us all, open our eyes as we study Your Word this week. Help us to see where previously we have not been able to. Help us to be able to ask questions where before we could only read words. Help us to comprehend when before there was only confusion. Amen.**

**Monday 2.12 "Moses' Voice" Deuteronomy 1:1, 6-8**

In the very first verse, one of the things that makes this book different is that it is written in the voice of Moses. Moses may or may not have been the actual author, but it is written in his voice. Why? To give it even deeper authority. He wanted the people to listen carefully and stay faithful. As you seek to be faithful, what are the voices that you listen to most closely?

**Tuesday 2.13 "Jesus Was Listening" Deuteronomy 5:9, 6:16, 8:3**

As a boy, Jesus would have memorized these chapters. Later in his life he would be tempted in the wilderness. As He was tempted, He responded with these three verses in the Law that He had learned all those years ago. Jesus was listening. Are we? What are your greatest temptations? How do you respond to them?

**Wednesday 2.14 "A Warning" Deuteronomy 12:29-32**

"Do NOT worship their gods!" That was the warning the Hebrew people received. The Hebrew army was on a roll as they vanquished city after city and began to take control of this land. When you win a lot, you tend to think that the victory is all about you. It's easy to let your focus drift elsewhere. Although we do not call them "gods," there are plenty of things that pull us away from our God, and, in effect, have us worshipping false gods around us. Like what?

**Thursday 2.15 "A Different Perspective" Deuteronomy 15:12-17**

This whole passage is about how to treat your slave(s). If we want, we could look at this passage as barbaric. No one would follow these rules today. We would never allow this slavery. It is helpful to remember that although we look at this passage as ancient and irrelevant, in its day it was fabulously progressive. It provided a way to freedom and stability where before there had been nothing. It saw the situation with a different perspective. Have you been able to see parts of the Bible so far in any different perspective?

**Friday 2.16 "A New Prophet" Deuteronomy 18:15-22**

There had been prophets rising in the Hebrew / Jewish society. None of them were allowed to claim that they spoke the final word of God. There was always room, as need rose, for a new voice, a new prophet. What is it that strikes you in this passage?

**Saturday 2.17 "Clean Is Important" Deuteronomy 23:12-14**

As weird as this passage may sound, it truly is instructions on how to dig and use a latrine. Why? Because cleanliness was important. You remember that old saying, "Cleanliness is next to godliness." The Hebrew people not only believed this, they lived it every day. Cleanliness was important in the way they cooked, slept, ate, dressed, worked, and even went to the bathroom! They knew that this was linked not just to their faith, but to their physical health as well. These practices kept germs under control and enabled healthy living. Even though you may have never thought about it, how do you utilize these cleanliness rituals as well?

**Sermon Notes**

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