

Upcoming Events/Announcements

If someone you know has become homebound or 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.

Our July mission will support our Vacation Bible School's mission which is to support Storm Mountain. Storm Mountain is a non-profit entity that runs on the registrations of campers and other outside groups. We are raising money to help buy things on Storm Mountain's wish list. Items we could purchase with the funds include playground balls, large inner tubes for the swimming hole, or life jackets. Kitchen and cleaning items are also needed. What we purchase will depend on how much we raise. If you have questions, talk to Erin Woods.

Let's Get Ready to Rummage! Our annual Rummage Sale will be held on July 19 & 20. You may bring gently used items for the sale to Classroom B in the CLC. Volunteers are needed July 16-18 to unpack donations and set up. We also need volunteers July 19-20 to sell at the sale and clean up afterwards. Look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Calling All Bakers! Our Youth and Children's ministries will be hosting a bake sale during our rummage sale. If you'd like to donate baked goods, drop them off at the church on July 17 & 18.

Mid-Summer Meet & Eat: Join us July 29 at 5:30 p.m. in the Christian Life Center for a potluck, a time of fellowship, and a time for meeting Hannah O'Donnell, our new Youth Coordinator.

SCAM ALERT! We are aware that some members of our congregation are receiving messages from an unknown individual, claiming to be Pastor Scott, asking for gift cards and other financial assistance. **If you receive an email or text message that asks you to click a link, that asks you to send gift cards or cash, or that seems suspicious in any way, please DO NOT RESPOND.** We will never ask for help in this way. If you are ever unsure about the legitimacy of emails or text messages that seem to be coming from a pastor or anyone here at the church, please call the church office and we can help you sort it out.

Calendar Items & Events

July 19-20: CLUMC Rummage Sale

July 23-25: Vacation Bible School @ CLUMC

July 29: Mid-Summer Meet and Eat (Potluck!)



For the week of
July 14, 2024

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

A Difficult Life/Read

Jeremiah the prophet lived in just the right (wrong) time to witness the fall of Jerusalem to Babylon. His voice was heard throughout the turbulent times of the 8th and 7th centuries BCE as he reminded the people again and again of the consequences their actions would bring. In this book, we also get a rare look at the life of a prophet. There are times Jeremiah writes about his experiences and feeling, and there are places where the descriptions of his trials come from another man, Baruch. Through this, we are reminded that being called by God does not mean an easy or perfect life. The Israelites were God's chosen people, but they had chosen to stray. Jeremiah was God's chosen prophet, but that made him an enemy of the people, and even put him in danger. This was not an easy time to live through, and it remains difficult to read about today.

Prayer: Lord, as we read these words of condemnation, these reminders that sin does lead to punishment, as we read of hard and difficult times Jeremiah lived through, help us to recognize that even in those times, Jeremiah also spoke hope, hope beyond the disaster, hope of a Messiah yet to come, hope that never dies in your love, hope that lives in us. Amen.

Monday 7.15 "God Pleads" Jeremiah 3:11-22
Even if you don't have children, you may have experienced or witnessed this sometime. A parent pleading with their young child to stop something wrong and do something right. Why do we plead? Because we don't like to punish! We love our family and our friends, and we don't want to have to follow through on the consequence of misbehavior (in our house, usually losing TV). How does this image make you feel about God?

Tuesday 7.16 "Jeremiah Mourns" Jeremiah 8:18
Jeremiah has tried, he has spoken, he has pleaded, and he has yelled, but no one is listening. So, he mourns. But we're only in chapter 8...he's not done yet. Have you ever had a project or task that was going so badly that you wanted to throw in the towel? Jeremiah's words seem pointless. Nothing will change. Sit with that for a moment and consider how you would feel knowing disaster was coming but no one was taking you seriously?

Wednesday 7.17 "Complaints" Jeremiah 12:1-4
The world is unjust. Just like Jeremiah said, it seems that the evil prosper. Jeremiah voiced this frustration, but also said, "You will be in the right, O Lord." He doesn't push away his feelings at the injustice, but he voices them, even as he also recognizes God is over all and he, as a human, won't understand everything. Do you allow yourself to speak your frustrations to God about the world? God can take it; God will listen like a loving parent. God won't leave you because of it.

Thursday 7.18 "Hope?" Jeremiah 16:14-15
Maybe some believed Jeremiah. Maybe some feared what was coming. Could they tell that forces were growing against them beyond what was simply visible outside the walls? Maybe some were feeling that terror. Would these words bring you comfort in that moment? What would your reaction be to this nugget of hope offered by the same person prophesying utter destruction?

Friday 7.19 "Listening" Jeremiah 17:19-27
If you read Leviticus and Deuteronomy, you read lots of rules concerning how the people were to interact with each other and with God. At the end of Deuteronomy, the people take turns reminding each other what happens if they listen (blessing) and what happens if they disobey (curses). This passage is written a lot like that. Obey and good happens; disobey and bad happens. Clearly, they have been disobeying and continue to do so. In all that we have read this week, what ways have been pointed out that the people are not obeying God when they interact with each other and with God?

Saturday 7.20 "Hope Again" Jeremiah 23:5-8
We know who this is. This is Jesus. This is HOPE. Jeremiah spoke of salvation that would come sometime in the future. It wasn't near, because he still said the consequences were going to happen, but after that, there was reason for hope. Would you find it easy or difficult to hold this hope? What might you have done to keep holding that hope?

Sermon Notes
