

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 August mission is Hygiene Kits. This year, the assembly of the kits will be done by teaming with the newly formed Circle of Friends-West. Here's our shopping list: one-gallon plastic bags, washcloths (clean & in good condition, preferably new), hand towels (clean & in good condition, preferably new), wrapped bars of soap (unopened), shampoo (travel-size shampoo, unopened), conditioner (travel-size conditioner, unopened), toothbrush (new), toothpaste, (travel-size, unopened), dental floss (unopened), combs, and band-aids. You may donate money (mark your gift "hygiene") or donate items listed above. See the display in the lobby for more information.

Here's the Scoop: The Fellowship Team will host an Ice Cream Social & Talent Show from 12 Noon – 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 8. Bring your own sack lunch and have some ice cream for dessert while we share in a time of talents and fellowship with each other. Watch for more information!

Please join the Dakotas Conference of the United Women of Faith for an upcoming webinar on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR). The webinar will be held on Saturday, August 17 at 9 a.m. mountain / 10 a.m. central. All are welcome, and there is no pre-registration required. The link to join is <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87832156836>.

Calendar Items & Events

August 11: Jim Oates Memorial Service @ 2 p.m.
August 17: MMIR Webinar @ 9-10:30 a.m. Mountain time
September 2: Labor Day (Church Office Closed)
September 3: Fall Office Hours Resume
September 8: Fall Worship Times Begin
September 8: First Sunday School
September 8: Ice Cream Social & Talent Show Fellowship Event
September 11: First Wednesday evening activities
September 17: Blood Drive

THE PATH



For the week of
August 11, 2024

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

In the Old Testament there are five Major Prophets and twelve Minor Prophets. What is the difference between major and minor? It's simple: it's the size of the book. So, we now enter the journey through these Minor Prophets. Each of them wrote in a very unique situation using very unique ideas and language. Remember, a prophet is not a fortune teller. Instead, they are truth tellers. Each of these prophets saw issues in the Jewish people and rulers. They simply were observing those issues and communicating what was going to happen if the people did not change. Although you are being given a brief reading from each book, you are invited and encouraged to read more deeply into each prophet.

Prayer: Lord, guide us each day. We look into our own futures and see so much that might be good or on the other hand might be disastrous. Help us to learn from these prophets how to look through your eyes. Help us to live as you would have us live and to be the people you would have us be. Amen.

Monday 8.12 **"Hosea"** **Hosea 1:1-11**
Hosea's ministry was all acted out as a real-life drama. The prophet's personal life is all about being an incarnation ("in-the-flesh") of God's redeeming love. This very sensitive prophet married a prostitute who had three children (presumably not his!) and then left him. But Hosea brought her back publicly and took her again as his wife. When have you seen grace like this lived out?

Tuesday 8.13 **"Joel"** **Joel 2:1-3, 12-13, 28-29**
Joel 2 contains passages we hear each year on Ash Wednesday and again on Pentecost Sunday. Repentance and receiving the Spirit's power are tied together. You can't do the first without the second, and the second fully comes through the first. How do you understand this?

Wednesday 8.14 **"Amos"** **Amos 2:1-8**
During this long and peaceful time, Israel attained a height of territorial expansion and national prosperity never again reached. The military security and economic affluence which characterized this age were taken by many Israelites as signs of the Lord's special favor toward them. But no nations were perfect. The toughest judgments were on the Israelites for oppressing the poor, dehumanizing the needy, and practicing sexual promiscuity. The bottom line is this: practice compassion and fidelity with one another.

Thursday 8.15 **"Obadiah"** **Obadiah 1:1-21**
Obadiah is the shortest book in the whole Old Testament, but the problems it confronts are not easily resolved. This small book is dominated by the theme of justice and judgment. What is there in this that catches your attention? Why?

Friday 8.16 **"Jonah 1"** **Jonah 1:1 - 2:10**
We finish the week with a familiar story: Jonah and the big fish. Try to see the story in a new way as you read. For instance, Jonah's three days in the fish were a blessing, not a punishment. In three days, he went through three critical stages of spiritual transformation: 1) disorientation and distress; 2) prayer, thanksgiving, surrender; and 3) release

to make a difference. What might those steps look like in your life?

Saturday 8.17 **"Jonah 2"** **Jonah 3:1 - 4:11**
Jonah was sooooo angry that God forgave the enemy. He had come full circle: resistance to God's call at the start, then repulsion at God's grace at the end. God's circle of love is wider than our cycle of sin. It forgives our enemies around us, and it transforms the enemy within us.



Sermon Notes

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Summer Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.- 12 Noon / Closed Friday