

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 17: MMIR Webinar @ 9-10:30 a.m. Mountain time

August 24: UWF Retreat @ West Hills

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

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For the week of
August 18, 2024

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

The Minor Prophets

We continue this week, reading not only all the way through the Minor Prophets but also ALMOST finishing the Old Testament. Remember that each of these authors wrote in a time that was unique. Each of them penned their message in order to help Israel / Judah face a specific crisis at a specific time in a specific place utilizing a specific message. We get to listen to their arguments and advice, claiming some of that advice for ourselves now thousands of years later.

Prayer: Lord, help us to listen. Help us to hear. As you spoke through the prophets millennia ago to guide the people, so speak to us now. Guide us to realize your voice is still present in our world and in our lives today. Amen.

Monday 8.19 "Micah" Micah 6:6-8
Writing in the 8th century BCE, the prophet Micah was one of the earliest "writing" prophets (as compared to those prophets who spoke but did not write their messages). This book is a collection of short speeches aimed directly at the people of Jerusalem. In Micah 6:8 we read of the three things God requires of us: Do justice. Love kindness. Walk humbly with God. These are not multiple choice. They are not mix-and-match. Fully living out each one is impossible without the other two. How do you live these words today?

Tuesday 8.20 "Nahum" Nahum 1:1-11
The Book of Nahum is both brief and difficult. In three short chapters it calls for God's vengeance in a masterpiece of poetry with powerful imagery and really creative wordplay, especially regarding sound. In the book of Jonah, Ninevah (the capital city of Syria) is envisioned as having repented and chosen to follow God. The Book of Nahum paints a different picture, with the prophet pronouncing judgment and doom on Nineveh and Assyria. Repentance is not a one-time task. It is a daily choice to live as God intends and not to sin.

Wednesday 8.21 "Habakkuk" Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-5, 3:17-19
We have no idea just who the author of this short book actually was. We do know, however, that despite its size, Habakkuk plays important roles in both Judaism and Christianity. Amid all the heartbreak Habakkuk is experiencing, God tells him to stand tall, keep watch, and wait for hope, because the vision awaits the time. The book concludes with his response: Despite all that is going wrong, "I will rejoice." (3:18) How will you rejoice in the middle of our mess today?

Thursday 8.22 "Zephaniah" Zephaniah 1:1-11
Oh, this guy is mad. Zephaniah doesn't make many people's list of favorite Bible books. It promotes faithfulness using fear and anger. Still, with everything wrong in the world today, it's comforting to think that God is as upset by it all as we are, and God refuses to sit still

and let it happen. How might you see this applying to today?

Friday 8.23 "Haggai" Haggai 1:1-6, 2:1-9
Haggai was written in the year 520 BCE after some of the Jews had returned to the Holy Land from their Babylonian exile. It may be an obscure book, but it packs a timely punch: Get your priorities straight. You may seem to live a great life, but if your spiritual life isn't in order, then it's wasted energy. You are sowing much but harvesting little, eating but not being filled. Again, how do you see parts of this applying today?

Saturday 8.24 "Zechariah" Zechariah 1:1-17, 8:18-23
This collection of prophecies is actually two books, not one. It is clearly a compiled book with more than one author. The first part is a collection of eight visions. The second part dreams of restoring Jerusalem and the glory of the king. Together it offers a universal vision of humankind, with Jerusalem at the very core of that vision.



Sermon Notes
