

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 September mission is Showers of Kindness. With Canyon Lake Elementary School shutting down at the end of the 2024 school year, Canyon Lake UMC has adopted Meadowbrook Elementary as our partner school. Visit the display in the lobby and watch for more information coming soon about ways you can help.

Here's the Scoop: The Fellowship Team will host an Ice Cream Social & Talent Show next Sunday, September 8, from 12 Noon – 2 p.m. 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. **A talent sign-up sheet is now available during worship services, or you may contact the church office to sign up.**

We will return to our regular WORSHIP schedule on Sunday, September 8. Services will be at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, 8:30 a.m. Sunday Traditional, and 10:45 a.m. Sunday Contemporary. Sunday School classes will be held at 9:30 a.m.

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 2, for the Labor Day holiday. **We will return to our regular OFFICE HOURS on Tuesday, September 3.** The regular office hours are Mondays-Thursdays from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. and Fridays from 9 a.m. – 12 Noon.

If you aren't receiving our Wednesday eNewsletter and would like to, please note your email address along with "eNews" on the Friendship Pad, and we'll add you to our distribution list.

We need help! Can you see yourself greeting? Working tech? Working in the nursery? Reading scripture? Making meals? Providing special music? Helping with children's and youth programs? Decorating the sanctuary? Something else? Talk to one of the pastors or make a note on the Friendship Pad, and we'll find the perfect spot for you!

Calendar Items & Events

September 2: Labor Day (Church Office Closed)

September 3: Fall Office Hours Resume

September 3: Inclusion Team Meeting @ 1 p.m.

September 8: Fall Worship Times, Men's Gospel & First Sunday School

September 8: Ice Cream Social & Talent Show from 12 noon – 2 p.m.

September 11: First Wednesday evening activities

September 14: Rapid Valley UMC Rummage Sale (8 a.m. – noon)

September 17: Blood Drive (2 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.)

September 21: Brunch Bunch @ 8:30 a.m.

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For the week of
September 1, 2024

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

Sermon on the Mount

Welcome to the heart of Jesus' ministry. This week we explore the beginning of all that Jesus did. Remember that in the month ahead we are going to hear four different versions of these stories and events. Enjoy this week's reading!

Prayer: Lord, you came to this earth and changed it. You came not with armies, not with political power, not with money and wealth. You just brought the living God to people who needed that God. Help us this week to listen and to hear your voice as it both whispers and thunders down through the centuries. Help us to make these stories part of our living. Amen.

Monday 9.2 "Sermon on the Mount 1" Matthew 5
The five most important words in Matthew 5 are, "But I say to you..." Each time Jesus says that, he tells us that righteous behavior is not enough unless it is motivated by a pure heart. Ask yourself; "Is MY heart fully in love with God and others today?"

Tuesday 9.3 "Sermon on the Mount 2" Matthew 6
Your spiritual maturity is gauged by what you do in private, hidden from public view. Surrender your private life to God, and you can surrender your whole life to God. A way to do that is to release your worry about material things. How are you doing on that?

Wednesday 9.4 "Sermon on the Mount 3" Matthew 7
In this chapter, Jesus shows us how to have mastery over ourselves: don't judge, seek God's best, love others, choose the hard way to follow Jesus, bear fruit, and do what Jesus commands. On a sliding scale of 1 to 10, how would you rate yourself on each of these issues?

Thursday 9.5 "Follow me" Matthew 8:18-27
Jesus had to introduce himself. In the beginning of his ministry, he had to tell people who he was and what he was about. Stop and think if you were hearing Jesus for the first time. What would catch you by surprise in these words?

Friday 9.6 "Parables!" Matthew 13:1-30
The parable of the sower is one of the first parables, if not the very first, that he used to communicate with the common people. But there are so many other stories. In Matthew 13, there are seven parables with this common idea: God is at work in your life; it may seem small, but it's real. So you have a choice: let that work grow, or choke and hide it. Don't be like those who live their entire life and miss out.

Saturday 9.7 "Feeding 5000" Matthew 14:13-33
Jesus was always focused on others, even when it seemed impossible to do. It was impossible to pay attention to a huge crowd and feed them. So Jesus and the disciples did it anyway. It was impossible for Jesus to walk on the water AND invite Peter to do the same. So Jesus and that one disciple did it anyway. How has Jesus worked in your life like this?



Sermon Notes
