

Upcoming Events/Announcements

MUSH Tree- Let's make some nice warm MUSH—not in a bowl but on the CLUMC tree! Some of our neighbors battle cold right now and MUSH WILL help. For the next two weekends, let's decorate CLUMC's MUSH tree with new UNDERWEAR and new winter SOCKS, the most critical clothing needs for homeless adults. (Look for wool blend socks that keep the wearer warm even if they get wet.)

We'll donate your gifts to Cornerstone, HOPE Center, Wellfully, and the Veterans Center.

- Shop locally and bring items during Sunday worship or weekday office hours.
- Give using an envelope or check marked MUSH and a mission volunteer will shop for you
- Shop online and have your purchase shipped directly to CLUMC, 3500 Canyon Lake Drive, Rapid City SD 57702. Snowbirds, this is a great way for you to participate long-distance!

Note: Our school kids are well-supplied thanks to your generosity, but HATS and MITTENS (gloves) for adults are welcomed.

Script Cards are for sale in the back outside the sanctuary or ask a pastor to get them from the safe. When you buy a gift card a percentage of that money goes back to the church for kids and youth ministries!

Painters, we have brightened up 3 daycare rooms with paint downstairs for Westside Preschool. We have 4 to go! February 16 & 17 is our next opportunity to paint 2 more rooms. If you can help, please call Sandra Lashley at 605-415-0414.

Youth Breakfast Fundraiser- Sunday, January 29th following the 8:30 worship service. We will be cooking and serving pancakes, sausage, and fruit to the congregation! This is a fundraiser for their trip to Florida for Youth 2023 July 22-29. So mark it on your calendars and come hungry!

Save the Date- We will host a Blood Drive on February 28th



THE PATH

**For the week of
January 22nd**

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

“Dinosaurs and the Bible?”

Picture just how many ways you use lenses in your life: reading glasses, normal glasses, bifocals, magnifying glasses, telescopes, microscopes, kaleidoscopes. Each of these is a specific type of lens used for seeing in a specific way. You would never use a kaleidoscope to help you read a newspaper. You cannot use a magnifying glass to help you watch the stars in a night sky. Have you ever stopped to consider that each of the different parts of the Bible could also be considered to be a lens. The Bible is filled with many different genres (types) of literature that help us comprehend who God is and how God works in our world. This week we explore these genres... these lenses... in order to better understand how the Bible works in our day-to-day lives.

Prayer: God of All Creation, you have given us your Word in this book we call the Bible. Help us this week to understand just a little more each day how you are moving and working in our lives. Open my heart and mind to your presence and love. Amen.

Monday 1.23

“In the Beginning”

Genesis 1

First, let us realize that there are many different styles of literature in the Bible from letters to poetry to history to story. The Bible is not one book, it is actually a mini-library made up of 66 books. Some of these are hundreds of pages long while others are as short as one page. Each book is written in a different style at different times of history by different authors. Each book is a lens through which we see God. As you read the first chapter of the first book today, ask yourself this: How does this beautiful creation poem help me to understand who God is and how God works in our world?

Tuesday 1.24 **“Books of History”** **Joshua 6:6-21**
The old song says, “Joshua fit the battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho...” Many of us grew up hearing this story. In reality, it is a very difficult story to hear in all of its violence. But here it is, a part of the history of Israel. The lens through which we look at God is also a lens through which we can see our own human history. Although you may have heard this as a child, what are the elements of the story that jump out at you about who God is and how God interacts with people?

Wednesday 1.25 **“Books of Prophecy”** **Isaiah 9:1-7**
Prophets were not and are not fortune tellers. They did not predict mysterious happenings that would occur in the future. They were truth-tellers. They were committed to sharing God’s truth with those who held power (and usually held it corruptly). In effect what they said was, “This is what is happening. This is not right in God’s eyes. If we continue down this path, here is what will happen.” Isaiah was one of the longest-lived and most powerful prophets, sharing God’s insights with kings for about forty years. This particular passage is also seen as one of those that predicts the coming of Christ. Look closely. How is it that this passage speaks of the happenings seven hundred years before Jesus while simultaneously talking about the coming of Christ?

Thursday 1.26 **“Books of Wisdom”** **Psalms 23**
A psalm is a song. These 150 psalms were used in temple worship in Jerusalem and sung throughout the nation. What does this passage reveal about God? What does it say about us as humans in our own journeys?

Friday 1.27 **“The Letters”** **1 Corinthians 13**
The Apostle Paul was a traveling preacher and pastor as churches were first being formed. He communicated with these churches using letters, like this one. The church in Corinth, Greece, was having a very difficult time. It was made up of diverse people from diverse backgrounds who frankly did not get along well together. Paul realized that they needed help, advice, and guidance. This incredibly beautiful letter was written to a church who needed to figure out how to love each other in their day-to-day interactions. What does this chapter

... speak to you about God? How does it help us as people to reflect God’s love to others?

Saturday 1.28 **“The Gospels”** **Matthew 5:1-14**
There are four Gospels. They each tell the story of Jesus, but each in its own way. This passage is known as the “Beatitudes.” It is found as part of Matthew 5-7 known as the Sermon on the Mount. What does this passage tell you about Jesus? How does this lens help you to see God? How does it help us to care for each other?



Sermon Notes
