

Upcoming Events/Announcements

If someone you know has become homebound or has moved to a care center, please let us know so we can include them in our care ministries. We love our whole church family and want to ensure that everyone is included, remembered, and loved.

Our June Mission will be VBS: The mission this month is Vacation Bible School which is our three evening Bible School fun event July 28th through 30. This month we are giving you the opportunity to give a donation, help purchase supplies, and/or volunteer. See the table outside the church or talk to Erin Woods.

Let's Get Ready to Rummage! Our annual Rummage Sale will be held on July 18 and 19. Begin bringing good, used items for the sale to Classroom B in the CLC on June 29. Volunteers are needed July 15-17 to unpack donations and set up. We need volunteers July 18-19 to sell at the sale and clean up afterwards. Please use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex to let us know when you are available to help.

Calendar at a Glance

June 29 Passages Meal

June 29: Honduras Mission Trip Presentation at CLUMC @ 11:15 in Classroom 2

June 29: Drop-off for Rummage Sale Begins

July 11 – 13: Mission U at Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell, SD

July 18 & 19: Canyon Lake UMC Rummage Sale

July 29: Life Line Screening in the Christian Life Center, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

July 28-30 Vacation Bible School

August 10: 10:15 AM Service – “Worship in the Park” – Old Storybook Island Shelter – 2911 Canyon Lake Drive, RC, SD, potluck following the service.

August 13: The Foresters will be performing at CLUMC @ 6:00 PM

THE PATH

For the week of
June 29, 2025

Canyon Lake
United Methodist Church
Rapid City, SD

"Peace and Justice"

Peace and justice are large components of the Biblical narrative. God's story arc is leading to a time of perfect peace, when justice will be a reality for all and no one will be left out. Why is this important? What does it take to get to that reality?

Prayer: Righteous God, we don't often feel our actions or words will make much difference. The world you desire seems too far away. Help us to see that even the smallest of our words and actions can make a big contribution to your saving work in this world. Amen.

Monday 6.30 **"God's Character"** Deuteronomy 32:1-4
God's character encompasses all of what we would call "good things, and probably things we wouldn't even think of. God is just and desires justice for all of creation. God wants us to experience the ultimate justice that can be found through relationship with God and living out our faith as God calls us to. Can you think of examples of God's justice in the Bible?

Tuesday 7.1 **"A Positive State"** John 14:27
When we think of peace, we often think of the absence of war and violence. But it's more than that. Real, God-based peace is a positive state that includes all the good things God wants for us. What might that "positive state" look like

Wednesday 7.2 **"Shalom"** John 14:27
Jesus does not give like the world does, and the peace he gives is nothing like the world's understanding of it. Shalom, the Hebrew word we translate often to peace, means complete or whole, nothing is broken or missing. Something being in a state of "shalom" is something that is complete as it should be; it is whole. If something is broken or incomplete, there is work to be done to restore it to a state of shalom.

Thursday 7.3 **"Action"** Micah 6:8
To reach shalom, peace, there is work to be done. That work is the work of justice, setting wrongs right, mending what has been broken, returning things and people to wholeness. When are times when you have done the action of justice to bring about peace (when have you worked to make things or relationships whole again)?

Friday 7.4 **"Quartet of the Vulnerable"** Matthew 25
Jesus was uniquely focused in his ministry on the people the worst off. He came to all and stated as much, but he also made extra effort to reach the poor, the orphaned, the widow, and the alien, sometimes called "the quartet of the vulnerable." We are called to seek peace and justice for all, yet we know there are those who already have more justice than others. Who around you (locally, nationally, globally) is vulnerable and in need of justice?

Saturday 7.5 **"A Fruit of Justice"** Isaiah 32:16-18
Peace cannot come on its own. First, we must do the work of seeking justice for those who need it. We cannot simply say one day "let bygones be bygones" and move on. We must seek justice everywhere for everyone, repairing relationships, honoring God's desire for all to be seen as worthy children of God. Only then will God's peace reign in the world. What steps of justice seeking are available to you today? What fruit of peace might those steps yield (even if you might not see them)?



Sermon Notes

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