

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.

November Mission: Christmas Shoeboxes for the Tree of Life Ministry:

Help us make a child happy by filling a Christmas-wrapped shoebox with toys, books, games, dolls, a car, playdough, a ball, craft items, a warm winter hat, and mittens. Be Sure all the items fit inside the box. Close the lid and securely tape the tag (gender and age). Place rubber band(s) around the whole shoebox. Return the filled box to the church narthex by 12/1/25. Finally, smile, you just made a child's Christmas come true.

OneHeart – Thank you Canyon Lake UMC! Together, you raised \$850, supplied 3 beds with sheets, comforters, and provided numerous toiletries. Thank you for your generosity.

It's a Wrap!!! It's time again to wrap boxes for the Christmas Project. Please take as many shoeboxes & wrapping papers as you would like/can. We need 200-300 festive shoeboxes to be ready next month.

In this together.... Solar Oven Partners in Rapid City are now packaging four reflector panels with two potholders. Solar ovens will be sent to Dominican Republic, Sierra Leone (West Africa) and Navajo Nation (New Mexico) in 2026. We need **cotton fabric** to make potholders. If you have cotton fabric, cotton batting, or if you want to make a monetary donation - please drop it off in the church office. Thank you.

Stewardship Reminder – Please Return Pledge Cards – If you haven't already returned your 2026 Estimate of Giving Card, there is still time! You can drop your card by the church office, bring it to worship, or put it in the mail.

Calendar at a Glance

November 2: Rapid Valley UMC, Annual Turkey Dinner/Silent Auction – 11:45 AM – 1:30 PM

November 7: Grace UMC Turkey Dinner 4-7 PM

November 11: Veterans' Day - Office Closed

November 15: Life Line Screening - In the CLC Gym 8 AM - 5:30 PM

November 16: Annual Charge Conference - Potluck at noon; Annual meeting will immediately follow.

November 22 & 23: UWF Pie Sale – At all three services

November 30: Christmas Potluck & Sing-Along

THE PATH

For the week of

November 2, 2025

Canyon Lake

United Methodist Church

Rapid City, SD

“The Table of Hospitality”

Come to the table. That is the invitation throughout this month of November. We need to keep telling each other that we are all invited to the Christ's table. This means hospitality and invitation and empathy and understanding. And this means you and me. We are invited, but we are also the ones who are called to invite others. So, let's talk about HOSPITALITY this week! If we say that we follow Jesus Christ, it means that we are opening our lives to the reality of extending true hospitality to others! Here's what scripture has to say about it!

Prayer: Lord, open our hearts, our minds, and our doors. Help all of them be wide open first to you and then to those around us. Bless us so that we can bless our neighbors. Guide us so that we can guide those who are lost around us. Help us in our daily lives so that we can hear the cries for help in our own community. Open our lives so that we can open our hearts and minds and doors. Amen.

Monday 11.3 “Welcome Strangers” Romans 12:9-17

This week we are hearing a lot about what it means to exercise our faith through kindness in our own homes, churches, and communities. This week you are invited to keep a piece of paper or a small notebook on hand. On this paper make three lists: Where and how have I witnessed hospitality in my own life? Where and how have I witnessed LACK of hospitality? Where and how can I be reaching out in true, Christ-centered hospitality to others?

Tuesday 11.4 “Living in God’s House” 1 Timothy 3:1-7

When is the last time you seriously stopped to think about the consequences of calling yourself a Christian... a follower of Jesus? In previous centuries during the times of persecution, saying to someone that you were a follower could get you killed. Today, we don’t worry about that at all. I’m a Christian. You’re a Christian. It’s just not a big deal. Except that it is a big deal. Although we do not experience persecution, we do experience the side effects of living in God’s house. There are ways that we absolutely are expected to behave and not behave. Read through this list again. How are you doing as you follow them?

Wednesday 11.5 “Expectations” 1 Timothy 4:8-16

Today’s reading is just a page apart from yesterday’s. We are still dealing with living in God’s house, and when we do there are expectations. These teachings are there for training up leaders in the faith. This faith in Jesus Christ and the power of God are our foundation stones. All of God’s house is built on this foundation. Often we don’t focus on these expectations, but they are still part of our tradition. What jumps out at you in this list? Why?

Thursday 11.6 “Mature Faith” Titus 1:5-9

Yesterday’s passage was about training up leaders. Today’s is also. This is not a coincidence that when these New Testament letters teach about leadership that one of the absolutely necessary requirements is the ability to extend hospitality. Stop and think about today. Where in our world do you see powerful examples of people who live into this list of requirements? Where do you see examples of people who fail this list? What is the difference between them? How does this affect you?

Friday 11.7 “Open your Homes” 1 Peter 4:7-11

“Open your homes to each other without complaining.” (Verse 9) We don’t do this as much as generations before us did. Before all of the hotel chains existed, welcoming strangers into even your home was an important part of exercising hospitality. This is not suggesting that you run home and hang a “Rooms for Rent” sign on your front door! There are practical boundaries to our welcoming. However, understanding this passage helps us understand our Christian cultural history. It’s one thing to open our homes to guests, and that can be a beautiful thing, but there are also other ways to live into these words. Look closely. How is it that you could live more closely into this passage?

Saturday 11.8 “Service and Sacrifice” Hebrews 13:1-8

“Some of you have hosted angels unaware.” (Verse 2) When you started this week’s “Path”, did you have any idea how many places in the Bible spoke this powerfully about hospitality? The original writers took this very, very seriously. But in the same breath, when we “host angels unaware,” there can also be a huge amount of joy. There is laughter and sharing that happens. There can be a contentment when we share with others. How has this week’s devotions challenged your thinking?



Sermon Notes

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