

### 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.

**September Mission: ONEHEART** Buy items for the **Welcome Package** consists of twin-size comforter set (comforter, sheets, pillowcase), pillows, bath towels set (washcloth, hand & bath towel), shower curtain/rings & popup laundry hamper, regular size body wash, shampoo & conditioner, toothpaste, and deodorant. Monetary gifts can be a check or cash (denote 'September Mission Project') or given through the CLUMC web at: [clumc.com](http://clumc.com).

**Cornerstone Mission - Brown Bag Meal for Summer/Fall:** Food Items that are needed: Vienna Sausages, Packets of tuna or chicken, Gorp/Trail Mix, Pretzels, Animal Crackers, Pudding cups, Applesauce cups, Granola bars, and Cracker. Monetary donation to CLUMC website: [clumc.com](http://clumc.com).

**September 27:** 75th Anniversary Celebration, 4:30 PM for Tours, 5:30 PM Dinner, Cost \$20 per person. Tickets are available online [clumc.com](http://clumc.com), and between Sunday church services.

**2025 & 2026 CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY, DETAILS COMING SOON.**

### Calendar at a Glance

**September 7:** Fall Worship Times Begin

**September 7:** Sunday School and Bible Studies and Groups Resumes

**September 7:** Kitchen Clean Day Noon-4 PM, All are welcome to come help for all or part of the time. Deep cleaning of walls, floors, and storage spaces. Sandwich lunch will be provided.

**September 10:** Wednesday Evening Activities Resume

**September 11 & 12:** District UWF Retreat at Storm Mountain

**September 13:** Rapid Valley UMC Rummage Sale, 8 am – 12 pm

**September 21:** Special Charge Conference, 9:30 AM at CLUMC

**September 27:** 75th Anniversary Celebration

**September 28:** Dakotas Conference Bishop, Lanette Plambeck, will be preaching at both services!

**September 30:** Blood Drive 2-6 PM CLUMC CLC Gym



For the week of  
**September 7, 2025**

Canyon Lake  
United Methodist Church  
Rapid City, SD

### "Submit to Be More Vile"

Why would we want to be vile? This makes no sense if we just think about what the word means. It is used to describe unpleasant things, places or even people. It can mean morally bad, and, in the past, it was used to describe things (and people) as having little or no worth. So how can we possibly be called to "be more vile?" Because those things, places, and people that are called vile are still loved by God. God still goes to them, seeks them out, and we should as well. Even if the world might then call *us* vile.

Prayer: God who does not turn away, help us to see those people, places, and circumstances that are ignored. Help us walk to them, not away. Help us reach out, not draw back. Help us be more vile in pursuit of sharing your great love to all. Amen.

**Monday 9.8**                      **"Places"**                      **Luke 2**  
Let's start simple. Jesus came to a place he did not have to, a place filled with corruption, hate, greed, and malice. Jesus came to Earth. God in Jesus came to earth by choice and design! God came to the vileness of earth knowing it would mean living *and dying* just as we all do. In hardship and struggle. If our great God did that, shouldn't we be willing to look to look into the places of violence, greed, malice, corruption, and speak and act in ways to bring light into them?

**Tuesday 9.9**                      **"Circumstances"**                      **John 2:13-17**  
The temple wasn't the place it was meant to be anymore, but no one seemed to be worried about that. It just was what it was. But Jesus knew this wasn't right and needed to change. He didn't stay silent; he spoke and acted in the midst of the circumstance to change hearts and minds and bring change. What circumstances are around you that might need to you step into the mess to help make change?

**Wednesday 9.10**                      **"People"**                      **Luke 8:26-39**  
Jesus left no one out. He went to people cast out by Jewish society or by humanity itself. He spoke with them, touched them, healed them, restored them. Who do you see today who has been pushed aside for being too different, too strange, too much trouble? How might your words and actions be able to reach out to them?

**Thursday 9.11**                      **"Be"**                      **Matthew 28:19-20**  
John Wesley didn't want to do it. He didn't want to go against the grain of the proper way to do things. But he felt the call of the Holy Spirit to *be* something different than he had been before. To *be* someone for those who were overlooked, so *all* may feel God's love. When have you been called to *be* something new, maybe something uncomfortable?

**Friday 9.12**                      **"More"**                      **Luke 6:27-31**  
John Wesley was considered an enthusiast by a society that had decided religion should be quiet, kept to yourself, and certainly kept inside the church building. Instead, he insisted that our faith must be *more*. It needed to be outside the walls, outspoken, and definitely for the masses who were kept on the outskirts of "polite" society. How do you sometimes see faith/religion as being stuck inside a nice, neat box? How could it become *more* than that?

**Saturday 9.13**                      **"Vile"**                      **Luke 19:1-10**  
John Wesley had (almost) always followed the rules. He cared how his actions might be interpreted. He didn't want to leave the Church of England, but he could see how staying neatly in the lines and rules wasn't cutting it. So, he became more vile. He went where others didn't, to people who were written off, and he was criticized for it. If we act in the vile nature of John Welsey and Jesus, we will face criticism. It might be uncomfortable. It might be unnerving. But God calls us to?



**Sermon Notes**

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