

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 October mission is Showered with Hope, a local organization that provides free mobile showers. You can help by providing 1) men's and women's underwear, 2) men's and women's socks, and 3) women's sports bras. We will also provide 40 hygiene kits minus the hand towels. Drop items at the display in the lobby or donate via cash, check or online by noting "Showered with Hope" on your gifts.

Bring your empty shoeboxes for Shoebox Christmas. Drop boxes off in the office or on the shelves above the coat racks in the lobby.

Our Indoor Trunk or Treat will be held on October 30 from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. Please bring candy donations to the lobby display or to the office. You can also sign up to decorate and host a table. Talk to Erin Woods or sign up in the lobby.

We will recognize All Saint's Day on November 2 & 3. Take a paper goose, write the name(s) of your loved one(s) who have passed, decorate the goose if you'd like, and bring it back to the church. We'll decorate our altar space with geese for our worship times.

Let's all join in support of the Slott Family Fundraiser at area Pizza Ranches on November 4 from 4-8 p.m. Participating Pizza Ranch locations include: 1556 Luna Ave (Rapid City), 2625 East Colorado Blvd (Spearfish), and 2711 Lazelle St. (Sturgis).

CLUMC's Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, November 17. A potluck will begin at 12 noon in the Christian Life Center; the Charge Conference will immediately follow.

Are you getting our Wednesday eNewsletter? If you are not but would like to, please write "eNews" next to your name and email address on the friendship pad.

Calendar Items & Events

October 30: Indoor Trunk or Treat (6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.)
November 1: Annual Turkey Dinner @ Grace United Methodist Church
November 2: Life Line Screening in the Christian Life Center
November 2: The "Best Bazaar Ever" @ First UMC 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
November 2-3: All Saint's Sunday Celebration
November 4: Slott Family Fundraiser
November 15: Scripture Circle at CLUMC from 6-9 p.m.
November 17: Charge Conference @ 12 Noon

THE PATH



For the week of
October 27, 2024

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

From John to Acts

The first nine chapters of Acts is setting the stage for Paul. And then comes the story of Saul / Paul's conversion in chapter 9. From there on, this is the story of our early Christian church moving beyond its original Jewish community to the Gentile communities of the Roman Empire. It is an incredible story!

Prayer: Lord, as you guided Paul on his journey, we ask that you bless us on our journeys. Guide us through the difficult times. Celebrate with us in the joyous times. Challenge us in the growing times. Walk with us through each mile of our journeys! Amen.

Monday 10.28 "Gentiles, too" Acts 13:44-52

The earliest forms of Christianity were not Christian at all in the way that we understand it. They were followers of Jesus Christ who were Jewish. And then changes began as Paul and Barnabas began traveling, preaching, and meeting with Gentiles. God's love is not proprietary. It does not belong to any of us. None of us can determine who is "in" and who is "out." The circle is wider than we think it is, and it doesn't include just us.

Tuesday 10.29 "The Voyage Continues" Acts 17:1-15

Paul was reaching out to anyone he thought might be interested in this odd message he was bringing. He shows us what it means to be "evangelical" in the best sense: meeting people where they are, pursuing social justice, speaking the language of the culture, and "turning the world upside down."

Wednesday 10.30 "Mixed Results" Acts 18:1-11

Just like the parable of the sower found in the gospels, Paul's efforts had mixed results. Sometimes he was a success, and sometimes not. Sometimes people were responsive, and other times they rejected him. It is a reminder that we are not called to be successful, but simply to be faithful.

Thursday 10.31 "How Many Languages?" Acts 21:27-22:5

Paul was a complex person. He was a man who understood multiple cultures, multiple religions, and multiple languages. Paul tapped into his Jewishness to speak to Jews, his Roman citizenship to speak to Gentiles, and his legal background to speak to religious officials. We need to be theologically multilingual, sharing Jesus by meeting people where they are.

Friday 11.1 "To Caesar You Shall Go" Acts 25:1-12

Paul had royally offended the Jewish leadership and was about to be tried in a kangaroo court. Instead of letting this happen, he appealed to the Roman government for justice. Paul was bounced from trial to trial, getting into trouble for preaching about justice, self-control, and the coming judgment. And he was accused of "too much learning." Would that we would each be found guilty of such things!

Saturday 11.2 "The Journey to Rome" Acts 27

It's a long reading today, but such a great story! The Book of Acts ends with Paul in a torrential storm and shipwreck, and finally in Rome, where he preached to the masses. Then it concludes, open-ended. Perhaps we are the living continuation of the story, making Acts a story for us today.

Sermon Notes
