

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.

October Mission: Trunk or Treat We will celebrate on November 1st in the Christian Life Center from 2 - 4 pm. Members of the congregation can decorate a "truck/table" and pass out Halloween candy to the children. Dress in your "ugly sweater" or wear your best Halloween costume. Donate: **a lot of candy, and we still need 14 volunteers for this event.** Monetary gifts can be checks or cash (denote 'October Mission Project') or given through the CLUMC website at: clumc.com. Contact Erin Woods (605)393-7438 if you can help.

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.

CLUMC Financial Report – 1/1/2025 – 9/30-2025

	Actual	Budget
Revenues	498,163	524,093
Expenses	485,176	530,987

Calendar at a Glance

October 26: Noon Potluck Lunch, followed at 1 PM by Nikki Evans, Soloist Handbell Concert

October 30: If you eat alone, bring your lunch and join us! Classroom 1 at 11 AM.

November 1: Trunk or Treat in the CLC Gym 2-4 PM

November 2: Fall Back - Daylight Saving Ends

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

November 30: Christmas Potluck & Sing-Along

THE PATH

For the week of
October 26, 2025
Canyon Lake
United Methodist Church
Rapid City, SD

"The Sermon on the Mount"

We are going a different direction this week! One of the foundational passages in all of our Christian scriptures is Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. We call it one sermon, but in reality, this would have been a collection of stories and examples that Jesus used in multiple times and places. We read it here as one sermon, and that is truly powerful.

Prayer: This day, Lord, open our hearts and minds to the very words of Jesus. Help us not just to see hear, but to deeply understand these words in our own lives. Lord, make these words become our words to be lived each and every day. Amen.

Monday 10.27 "The Beatitudes" Matthew 4:23 - 5:16

Very little of Jesus' preaching and teaching happened indoors. Occasionally he would be in a local synagogue, but mostly he was out on the hills or by a lake. His teaching was frequently to very small groups and was very personal. His presence with large groups was captivating. Pretend that you are hearing Jesus speak these words outside in setting where you yourself could easily see and hear him. Imagine his hands gesticulating and his facial expressions drawing you in. What is it that is most powerful to you in today's passage?

Tuesday 10.28 "The Law and the Prophets" Matthew 5:17-37

Jesus did not live in a vacuum. He moved and spoke knowing that often many of the Jewish leadership (the scribes and Pharisees) were watching and listening to every word he spoke. When you see the words, "You have heard it said,... but I say..." these are words of confrontation. Jesus is quoting scripture but then reinterpreting it into a new and different context. He is bringing scripture alive in new ways. What is it that is most powerful to you in today's passage?

Wednesday 10.29 "Old or New Teaching?" Matthew 5:38-6:4

These words were old. The Jewish people knew these concepts, BUT... that didn't mean they followed them. As Jesus was speaking to them, he knew that many people would find these teachings to be new. And offensive. How is it that you think people (including scribes and pharisees) would have found this teaching provocative and even offensive?

Thursday 10.30 "Prayer" Matthew 6:5-18

In all the time that Jesus spent with his disciples, they only asked him to teach them one thing: "Master, teach us to pray." Living in relationship with God was crucial to Jesus, became crucial to the disciples, and should be crucial to us. Here is the Lord's Prayer, and in the simplicity of his words we are given a basic template for meeting our own needs. Take the time today to relax into prayer and simply spend time talking with and listening to God.

Friday 10.31 "Seek First" Matthew 6:19-34

What was most important to Jesus? The Kingdom of God. It was not something that was far off in time or place. It was a reality that Jesus lived in. When have you experienced the living presence of God / the Kingdom of God? How did you recognize it? Do you live in it now?

Saturday 11.1 "Ask. Seek. Knock." Matthew 7:1-29

Notice that all of the Sermon on the Mount is not just about you. It is about you living in relationship with God and with the people around you. Your instructions: Ask. Seek. Knock. Now take another look at the last verses, the parable of the house on the sand. In your own life, how are you building on sand? How are you building on rock?



Sermon Notes

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