

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 caring ministries. We love our whole church family and want to ensure that everyone is included, remembered, and loved.

Our February mission will be UMCOR Los Angeles (LA) Fire Relief. Countless families and communities in the LA Area are facing the aftermath of wildfires that have destroyed more than 12,000 homes, schools, churches (including the Altadena UMC), [libraries](#) & businesses. UMCOR is supporting local efforts to accomplish immediate & long-term recovery including providing evacuees with food and other essential supplies. Your monetary donations are needed to support the LA Fire Relief and Recovery Efforts. Checks and cash contributions can be made to "CLUMC" with "UMCOR LA Fire Relief" written on the memo line. Online donations can be sent through the CLUMC website under Give – Current Months Mission Projects.

Super Soup Packet Totals: Thank you for your generous donations for Soup Supplies! We were able to assemble 564 packets of soup: Lentil & Split Pea, 3 Bean & Barley and Potato.

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE: Will you be a full-time student in an education program that leads to a career in healthcare, nursing, or a medical-related field in the Fall of 2025? If so, consider applying for the Mary & Glen Fiala Scholarship offered through the Dakotas Minnesota Methodist Foundations and Canyon Lake UMC. <https://forms.office.com/r/dhvVzG4LZ0>

We will be joining with our Dakotas Conference in going through a Lenten study based on *The Third Day* by Bishop Tom Berlin. The church will not purchase copies, but if you wish to follow along, you can find the book at various book sites online.

Calendar at a Glance

March 5: 6 PM Ash Wednesday Service

March 9: Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 14-15: Men's Retreat at Storm Mountain

March 16: 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM – Rapid Valley UMC Youth Fundraiser "Green Pancakes and Ham"

THE PATH



For the week of
March 2, 2025

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

"Transfigured"

This weekend in worship was the day known as "The Transfiguration." You will read the story as we begin our week together. In it, Jesus is changed. He is "transfigured" into a vision of glory, and then he is changed back into normal. The question before us this week is how are we transfigured? What are the moments and the ways that we are changed so that we are not recognized by those around us and then ARE recognized once again. Let's talk about transfiguration.

Prayer: Holy God, up on the mountain you revealed Jesus as our Messiah. It was by his death and then resurrection that Jesus would fulfill both the law and the prophets. By his transfiguration enlighten our path so that we might dare to suffer with him in the service of humanity and so share in the everlasting glory of him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever, Amen.

Monday 3.3 "The Story Itself" Luke 9:28-43a
At times, there is a very real difference between Jesus as a human being and Christ as one sent by God. This story of the Transfiguration is a marvelous combination...or perhaps transition...of the two as we begin the story with Jesus being a man and Christ being a healing savior. He was the combination of the ordinary and the holy. So, what is it that strikes you most in this story?

Tuesday 3.4 "Moses Transfigured" Exodus 34:29-35
Jesus was not the only one who could be considered a combination of the ordinary and the holy. Moses could be also. Moses was one of those incredibly rare people who had direct conversation with God. Just by the very nature of that relationship, he had a "glow" about him. We don't know just what that was, but Moses possessed this. When he was with people, he would wear a veil. Who have you known in your life who looked or seemed somehow special? Who was it that when you looked at them, you somehow saw God?

Wednesday 3.5 "The Veil Removed" 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
This letter was written by the Apostle Paul. His basic point was this: When Moses came down to be with the people, he wore a veil to hide God's presence when with others. But now, when you turn to see Christ's face, there is no veil. We see God openly. One transfiguration was in a way hidden; the other transfiguration was so that there was no hiding. What do you see as more differences between these two stories?

Thursday 3.6 "The Lord Rules!" Psalm 99
One of the commonalities between the stories of Moses' and Jesus' transfigurations was the centering on the presence and power of the living God. Psalm 99 claims that glory so that we can understand it more deeply.

Friday 3.7 "The Good Samaritan" Luke 10:29-37
What about us? How is it that our faces can shine? How is it that we can share in Christ's Transfiguration? Well, we are changed when we imitate Christ. The parable of the Good Samaritan is the story of an unexpected hero. Nobody expected the "bad guy", the Samaritan to be the one who stopped and helped. Something in him would have changed on that day. Now stop to think. When have you seen someone who was changed because of their contact with God, their imitation of God? Have you ever seen this in yourself?

Saturday 3.8 "The Ordinary and the Holy" Psalm 100
The Holy is often found most powerfully in the Ordinary. Psalm 100 speaks about some of the ordinary moments of praise with God. Think of the times when you have met the Ordinary in the Holy and the Holy in the Ordinary.



Sermon Notes
