

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.

July Mission: SCUBA: Diving into Friendship with God *

Continuing to support CLUMC VBS this month! To support this month's mission, we welcome donations in the form of supplies, volunteerism, and monetary support.

UWF Rummage Sale! July 17 & 18th- Come shop the treasures collected beginning Friday!

VBS: Scuba- Diving into Friendship with God

Sign up now for VBS July 28-30th 5:30-8PM. Adults and Children register online at CLUMC.com or pick up a registration form in the lobby.

Camp Letters! Have you written a letter to a

camper yet? You do not need to know the camper yet to send them a letter! Grab a name from the lobby or the weekly newsletter to send well wishes. Thanks for supporting our youth and children!

Calendar at a Glance

July 17-18: UWF Rummage Sale!

Friday 7:30AM-3PM; Saturday 8AM-12 Noon

July 28-30: VBS Scuba: Diving into Friendship with God

August 9: Worship in the Park! 10:15 AM

Potluck to Follow. ALL Welcome!

August 15: UWF Retreat 8:30 AM

August 25: Blood Drive – Save the Date! 2-5:30 PM

THE PATH

For the week of
July 19, 2026

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



"The Joy of Diversity"

The sermon this past weekend was all about diversity, both in our environment and in our global human community. As a foundation of this, this week's readings are all about joy. This may not seem to connect, but it does. At any point that you are faced with challenges, one of the most important things you can do is claim joy. This week we are searching for the joy found in diversity. Let this joy be part of your foundation in these days.

Daily Prayer: Lord, we shout with joy for your goodness today.

Remind us again each day that in a world filled with diversity you are the ruler over all of it. You are the Creator we praise. So, gather us in to you and let the whole world know the peace and joy of your reign. Amen.

Monday 7.19 "The Joy of the Lord" Nehemiah 8:1-12
"The joy of the Lord is your strength." (vs 11). Nehemiah was the governor of Jerusalem. Ezra at the same time was the chief priest. After sixty years in Babylonian captivity, they returned to Jerusalem to claim it once again and build it back into a thriving city and trading center once again. Three generations before, it had been a city of beauty and energy. Now it was just a jumbled mess. The challenge was huge. The people were of many different walks. But the task was shared with the energy of joy.

Tuesday 7.20 "New Dreams" Isaiah 65:17-25
Written in approximately the same era as yesterday's reading, the prophet Isaiah was giving the Jewish people guidance on how to keep their future in focus. He insisted that their future was not one filled with division and disaster but instead one filled with unity and joy. Diversity was to become their strength.

Wednesday 7.21 "My Soul Clings to You" Psalm 63
So many times what we do not realize nor recognize is that in the most difficult of times that there can be joy. The psalms were the hymnal of the Jewish people. They would not just speak these words; they would SING them. No matter who you were, how old, how wealthy, how healthy, together you would sing these words of praise in the midst of the diversity.

Thursday 7.22 "The True Vine" John 15:1-11
Some days we are happy, but not necessarily joyful. At other times we are joyful, but not necessarily happy. Joy is deeper. Joy fills us from the bottom up. In this passage, we are reminded that no matter what is going on in our lives that God is present, that the love of Christ fills us even on days that are discouraging. Vs 11 "I have said these things to you so that my JOY may be in you, and that your JOY may be complete."

Friday 7.23 "In the Face of Trials" James 1:2-18
Here it is again! "Whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy!" (vs 2) Our faith in Jesus Christ and the loving kindness of God is more powerful than any other force in our lives. In our diversity we come together into the unity of God's love.

Saturday 7.24 "Be Generous!" 2 Corinthians 8:1-15
Abundant joy is ours to be claimed. It is not to be held onto for our own personal gain or pleasure. In the midst of poverty (of any kind), God calls us to share of ourselves and be fully present for others!

Sermon Notes



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