

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.

August Mission: Back to School CLUMC School Supplies Drive for Meadowbrook Elementary

School: We are collecting needed school supplies and clothing to include: Wide-ruled Notebooks Pencils Crayons

Pointed Scissors	Pink Erasers	Pencil Boxes
Boxes of Tissues	Plain Pocket Folders	
Dry Erase Markers	Girls Leggings	
Boys Sweatpants	New Socks & Underwear	

*Monetary donations accepted as cash, check, or via CLUMC.com. Please notate "August Mission" with your giving.

It's Cornerstone Mission Meal Time Again! August 11th CLUMC is serving at Cornerstone. We are looking for folks to bring ingredients, prep, and serve. Sign-up in the church lobby or contact the office throughout the week.

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

Calendar at a Glance

August 9: Worship in the Park! 10:15 AM
Potluck to Follow. ALL Welcome!

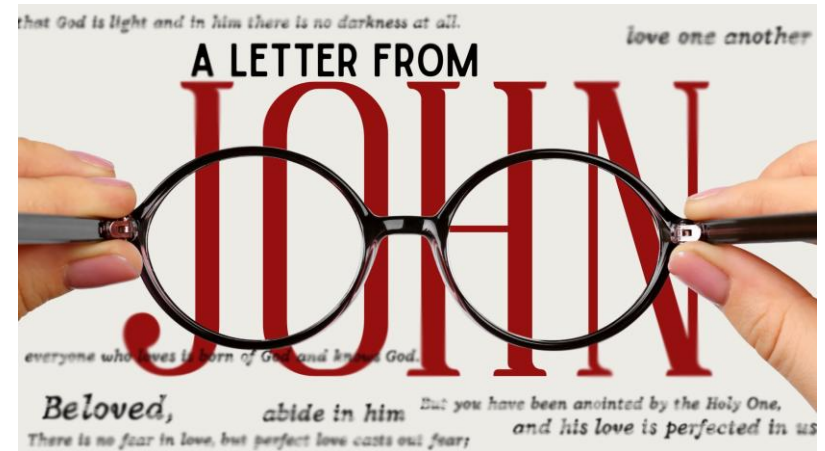
August 11: Cornerstone Mission Meal

August 15: UWF Retreat 8:30 AM

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

THE PATH

For the week of
August 2, 2026
Canyon Lake United Methodist Church
Rapid City, SD



"An Almost Christian?"

Many of us... most of us?...have been Christian for our entire lives. The trouble with this is that we have to ask the question "What do you mean by the word 'Christian'?" We live in a culture that in part is Christian (based on Christian belief and lifestyle) and in part is secular, non-Christian. So the question that John Wesley would ask each of us is "Are you an almost Christian or an altogether Christian?" This week we explore one story, one passage which is found in Acts 26 as Paul is brought before King Agrippa and Festus. Paul stands undaunted before them and actually tries to bring them to Christ.

The Wesleyan Covenant Prayer: I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will; rank me with whom you will. Put me to doing; put me to suffering. Let me be employed for you or laid aside for you, exalted for you or brought low for you. Let me be full; let me be empty. Let me have all things; let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to your pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Monday 8.03**"Incredible?"****Acts 26: 1-8**

And Paul says, "Why should any of you consider it incredible that God raises the dead?" Although we would qualify those living in the Roman Empire in Paul's day as pagans, they were in fact very religious. They simply worshiped different Gods than Paul did or we do today. Paul stands before King Agrippa and Festus. They were not strangers to religion by any means. They would have known the stories and the miracles of their own gods. Paul is appealing to their own religious experience in order to share his experience with them. What are some of the most powerful things that you have experienced in your own life in the Christian faith?

Tuesday 8.04**"Conversion"****Acts 26: 9-18**

Paul speaks of his life as a Jew persecuting the Christians and the direct confrontation he had with Jesus on the road to Damascus. Imagine this: you are sitting in conversation with a friend or family member who sincerely wants to know how you became a Christian. How would you describe your "conversion"? Would you even use that word? Did it happen all at once or over a period of time? What were some of things that happened in your life that led you to faith?

Wednesday 8.05**"Insanity?"****Acts 26: 19-24**

Face it, a lot of the world (both then and now) thinks that you have to be at least a little crazy (or perhaps a lot) to be a Christian. The Jews certainly thought that Paul was nuts. And Festus said, "You are out of your mind, Paul!" We all too often believe that being a follower of Christ is just status quo... that it's just "normal". But the fact is today that only a third to half of the world's population is Christian. Many within our own families and communities are not believers in Christ. Put yourself in their shoes. Why would someone today think that you would have to be nuts to be a Christian? Why would somebody think that you were at least partially insane for following Christ?

Thursday 8.06**"Persuaded?"****Acts 26: 25-28**

Paul was in his element. Although he was the prisoner, he was the one commanding this conversation. And King Agrippa asked, "Do you think you can persuade me to be a Christian?" It was just natural to Paul to want to do so. How is it in your life that you persuade people to follow Christ? How is it that you are a witness for Christ with your words? With your actions?

Friday 8.07**"Free"****Acts 26: 29-32**

Ironically, Agrippa and Festus considered Paul to be a prisoner when in reality Paul considered himself to be free. He was in chains, but those chains were taking him directly into the heart of the Roman Empire where he had wanted to go in the first place.

Paul was completely committed to being a representative of Jesus Christ. As long as he had Christ on the inside, he was free on the outside. How have you ever known this to be true in your life?

Saturday 8.08

"Praise" Psalm 100 Read and then reread Psalm 100. In prayer, lift up praise/ thanks!

Sermon Notes



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