

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 Supply Drive

Canyon Lake UMC partners with Meadowbrook Elementary School to ensure the kids have school supplies and clothes in case of emergencies.

We are excited to add another layer of support to students during our RCAS Clothing Closet Giveaway on August 20. Families across the district are welcome to come "shop" for free clothing from the RCAS lost-and-found and pick up needed school supplies as well!

*Donations of listed items and monetary gifts are both welcome! Please denote any monetary gift as "August Mission" or "School Supplies."

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.

Calendar at a Glance

August 11: Cornerstone Mission Meal

August 15: UWF Retreat - 8:30 AM at First UMC

August 15: Discipleship Retreat 9AM-2PM

August 20: Student Clothing Closet Giveaway 4:30-7:30PM

August 22: Potluck after Saturday Service

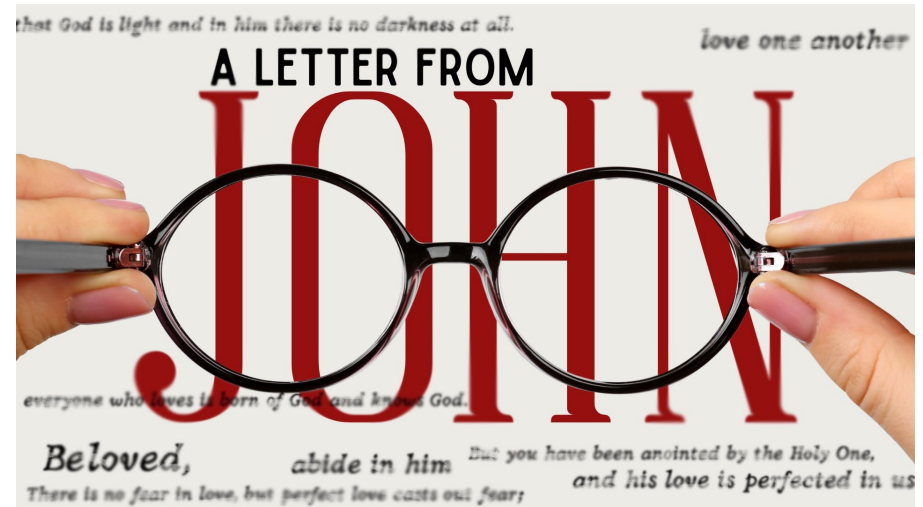
August 25: Blood Drive – Save the Date! 2-5:30 PM

September 13: Fall Kick-off Festival 12-2PM

THE PATH

For the week of
August 9, 2026

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



"John's First Letter"

Through the month of August, we are sharing together the brief New Testament letter of 1 John. This short, pastoral letter is absolutely one of the hinge-pins of our United Methodist theology. Although John Wesley never based any sermon solely on this letter, 1 John 4 was the scripture that appeared in his writing and speaking more than any other passage. This week we are walking together through 1 John 1 and 2.

Prayer: Lord, we shout with joy for your goodness in our lives today. Warm our hearts so that others can feel that warmth radiating from us to them. Remind us that you are the ruler of this earth, and that you alone are worthy of our praise. Through us let the entire world know the peace of your reign. Amen.

Monday 8.10 "A Pastor's Heart" 1 John 1:1-4
 We do not know exactly who John was, and we do not know if he was writing to one church or a group of churches. Either way, what we are able to gain is the insight that these were churches that had undergone some kind of schism. They were split, and the two sides disagreed with each other. (No surprise!) He is writing in joy to a gathering of people he not only leads but loves. Just from this one opening paragraph, what can you understand about the author and the situation?

Tuesday 8.11 "God Is Light" 1 John 1:5-10
 This letter was written very likely by the same person who authored the gospel of John somewhere around the year 100 probably in the area that today is western Turkey. Remember that this was still in the very active, very powerful Roman Empire. This means that the vast majority of people were not Christian at all. They would have worshiped the Roman gods. What this means is that the author of this letter was communicating basics to this early church: This God is real. The Son of God is real. We are called to stop sinning and love each other. Sounds simple, doesn't it? But for many, this was the first time they had heard this. What is it that jumps out at you in this paragraph? Any new insights?

Wednesday 8.12 "Christ Our Advocate" 1 John 2:1-6
 Jesus Christ was understood by John as our advocate with God. He was the one who leads us to God. In order to understand this God, we are called to obey this God's commandments. Where in our culture today do you see people ignoring these commandments to love each other? Where do you see people obeying them still today?

Thursday 8.13 "A New Commandment" 1 John 2:7-17
 The author is saying that we live by an old commandment, but this commandment is always made new when we obey and live by it. Verses 10 and 11 say, "Whoever loves a brother or sister lives in the

light..., but whoever hates another believer is in the darkness." How does this apply to you?

Friday 8.14 "Warning Against Antichrists" 1 John 2:18-25
 An "antichrist" is a person who lives and works against the presence and principles of Jesus Christ. There is not just one antichrist in our world, but many down through the ages. The author in verses 18-19 is talking about those who split apart from the church and are now living "in the darkness". This has happened at various times throughout the 2000 years of our Christian faith. How does the author explain the path that needs to be walked?

Saturday 8.15 "Deceived?" 1 John 2:26-28
 It can be really hard to know who is being deceived and who is the deceiver in any given situation. It is easier in some cases and difficult in others. So, we are called to live and love and obey God's commandments, loving others always. How is it that you have been deceived in the past? How did you resolve it?

Sermon Notes



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