

Welcome to Winter Connection 2025 !

We are beyond excited to have you join us for this special weekend. Our theme for this event is "*Don't be a Jerk*," inspired by the powerful message in John 3:16-17: "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him."

Come with an open heart and an open mind ready to see and experience the amazing love of our Awesome God as we are able to worship together and serve others.

Make sure to pack some warm clothes for when you must be outside and comfortable shoes for activities. You'll need to pack a sleeping bag and blankets, and you'll be sleeping on the floor. Bring a fun attitude, bible, pillow, and toiletries (please note that there aren't any showers at the church). We look forward to seeing you! Please contact us prior to the event if you have any dietary restrictions.

Registration will be from 7-7:45 pm. We will gather at Canyon Lake United Methodist Church at 3500 Canyon Lake Drive, Rapid City, SD.

On Saturday we will share a light breakfast, worship then pack our own sack lunch before we head out to serve others working at the Solar Oven Project, and/or Love Inc, depending on registration numbers.

We will close our time together with our fun outing at Flags and Wheels Indoor Amusement Park. For this, we will provide some tickets for activities, however you may want to have a little extra money of your own if you would like to do any extra activities. We will head home at 4 pm.

Your Southwest District CCYM Crew!

Pastor Quaya Ackerman
Rapid Valley UMC

Pastor Paul Lint
Spearfish UMC

Steve Hilton
Grace UMC – Piedmont

CCYM Youth: Camden Fleming
Sturgis UMC

REQUIRED FORMS

ALL participants, youth and adult alike, are required to have these forms completed in order to attend the Winter Connection event. Health Forms should be kept with the chaperones of each group. The Release of Liability waivers and Winter Connection Covenants should be turned into Winter Connection staff at check-in

Please print the following forms and bring completed to event check-in:

Winter Connection - Release of Liability Waiver and Public Relations Release
Winter Connection - Medical Information Form - YOUTH (under age 18)
Winter Connection - Medical Information Form
Winter Connection - Event Covenant