

Richland Center United Methodist Church
A Community of Faith
Epiphany Sunday: January 4, 2026



The mission of the RC-UMC, as a community of faith, is to share the Gospel and to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**This mark invites those who are able to please stand.
If you have a prayer concern or a joy to share, please write it down on the buff-colored paper found in the pew and place it in the offering place. Thank you.*

PRELUDE
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF INVOCATION
Gracious God, this is a time of new beginnings. The past we cannot change. We can reflect on all that has happened and move on into new relationship with you. Let the light of your love shine on us, that we may feel and know your powerful presence with us. Let the light of your love shine in us, that we may be encouraged to use our gifts and talents to serve others. Let the light of your love shine through us, that others may come to know you; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

***HYMN** *Star-Child* **2095**
A MOMENT FOR STILLNESS AND PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP
L: Arise, shine, for your light has come!
P: **We are called out of our darkness into light.**

L: Light up your eyes and look around.
P: **We rejoice in the gift of light.**
L: Come, let us worship the God of light and joy and peace.
P: **We come to kneel at the cradle of the babe, the light incarnate.**

***HYMN** *We Three Kings (1,2&5)* **254**

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)
O God, you made of one blood all nations, and, by a star in the East, revealed to all peoples him whose name is Emmanuel. Enable us to know your presence with us so to proclaim his unsearchable riches that all may come to his light and bow before the brightness of his rising, who lives and reigns with us. Give us grace to do whatever brings most glory and honor to you, pleasure and profit to us, and life and love to others. Inspire us to do what you would have us do. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. AMEN.

MINI-MESSAGE (for Children of All Ages)

A TIME TO GREET ONE ANOTHER
As Christ Jesus has shared his peace with us, let us share that same peace with one another.

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.
Congregation: And also with you.

Let us offer signs of peace and love with one another.

OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS *All Sing*
May the Lord, our great creator, bless you this day; give you peace and hope and courage along your way. May you stay within God’s keeping in your waking, in your sleeping, in your joy, and in your weeping, God be with you.

PASTORAL PRAYER

OUR OFFERING TO THE LORD
As people of God, let us offer the fruit of our labors and ourselves for God’s work in the world.

***DOXOLOGY** **95**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
Gracious God, in thankfulness and praise for the love that guides us, we dedicate our lives and these offerings as signs of our love and service. Accept our offerings and bless us with generous hearts. Prepare us to be witnesses of your love and forgiveness. Thank you, Jesus. In the name of Christ, all praise and glory be unto you. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV)**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
Living Word of God, fill us with Your truth and give us understanding through Your Holy Spirit, so that we may live lives worthy of You and pleasing to You. Live within us—live within our hearts. Let Your light and love overflow in us more and more each day. Open our ears to hear Your Word, open our eyes to see Your truth, and open our hearts to receive Your love, hope, and joy. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

MESSAGE *Pastor Grace Cho*

HOLY COMMUNION **12**

***SENDING (Unison)**
Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Pastor: We go now in peace. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **Amen!**

***CLOSING HYMN**
God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Hymn Leaders: David Brock, Connie Frye,
Rosanne Knowler, Kathy Schweinefus
Liturgist: Connie Dunn
Organist/Pianist: Jennifer Hall
Scripture Reader: Connie Frye
Sound System: Paul Knowler
Coffee Hour Next Week:

Upcoming Worship Servers:
Scripture Readers: **Liturgist:**
Jan. 11th Bonnie Richardson Bonnie Richardson
Jan. 18th Russ Shannon Russ Shannon
Jan. 25th Paul Murphey Paul Murphey
Feb. 01st Paul Knowler Paul Knowler

Prayer: Loving God, I thank you for the blessings of the past year. As I step into this new year, help me to remember that in Christ, I am incredibly blessed. Give me courage for the days ahead and a heart that trusts in your unfailing love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

This Week's Events:

- 04** **Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.**
Sunday school: 10:15 a.m.
06 Mission's Mtg: 2:30 p.m. – Library
07 Dance Class: 4:30 p.m.
08 Seeker's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. – Library
Lunch Bunch: 11:30 a.m. – Quail Run
09 RAREA Mtg: 10:00 a.m. - Library

Upcoming Events:

- 11** Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday school: 10:15 a.m.
12 Trustees Mtg: 4:00 p.m. - Library
14 Dance Class: 4:30 p.m.
15 Seeker's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. - Library



TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSPITALITY
HOST
Many thanks to Rosie Steinmetz for
hosting coffee hour today.

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Treasurer/Financial Secretary: Monica Eernisse
Custodian: Desiree Beik



January Birthdays		January Anniversaries	
Brady Joyce	1/1	Al & Jeannie Baker	1/29
Juliette Hall	1/2	Al & Deb Walling	1/29
Nancy Pulvermacher	1/2		
Anna Pulvermacher	1/3		
Kyle Pulvermacher	1/3		
Megan Goodyear	1/4		
Kathy Bastian	1/9		
Bernie Couey (102)	1/9		
Timothy Otto	1/10		

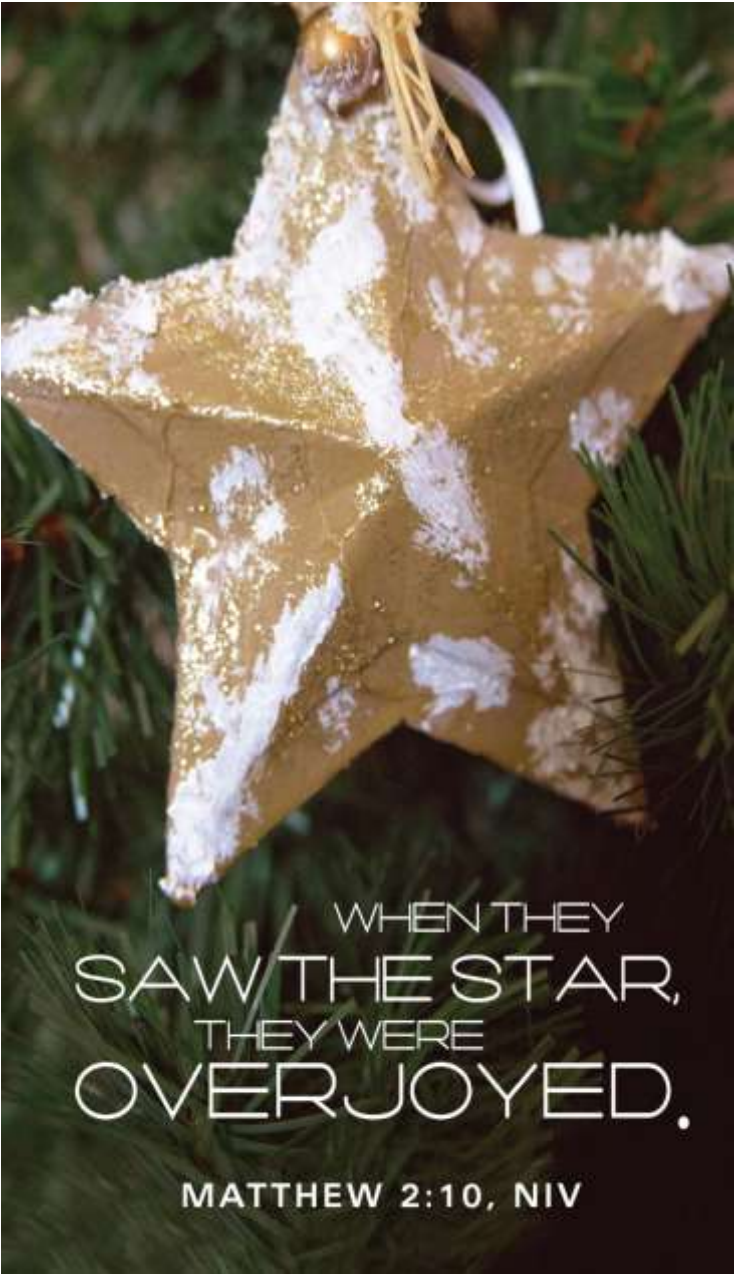


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General Announcements

Kwik Trip cards make great gifts. We have two varieties to choose from. One is grocery only; the other is a gift card good for gas and groceries. Both are worth \$25.00. Please see Nancy McCauley to purchase. This is a Mission's project.



Please make sure to give to the Food Pantry. They are in need of our non-perishable food donations.



Lunch Bunch is starting up again. The 2nd Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at a local restaurant. The restaurant will change each month, but we'll keep you posted.

January Mission Focus RC-UMC Love Fund

The mission focus for January is our church's **Love Fund**. The Love Fund is a pastor's discretionary fund for anyone with emergency needs. Requests are kept **confidential** and recipients remain **anonymous**.

"... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

– Matthew 23:40 (NIV)