

*Richland Center United Methodist Church  
A Community of Faith*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent: March 1, 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, be present with us this morning. May our worship be pleasing in your sight. Shine upon us today, for we need the light and salvation you alone can give. Shine your light upon us, for we need your salvation and hope. Open our eyes to see the beauty of your creation around us. Open our ears to hear the blessing of your Word. Open our hearts to receive the gift of faith. And make us vessels of your blessing in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**\*HYMN** *To God Be the Glory* 98

**A MOMENT FOR STILLNESS AND PRESENCE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Come, all who need help!

**P: Our help comes from God, the one who made heaven and earth.**

L: Come, all who desire blessing!

**P: Our blessing comes from God.**

L: Come, all who long for salvation!

**P: Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ, the one sent by God to save the world. Let us praise the Lord!**

**\*HYMN** *Blessed Assurance* 369

**OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

**Gracious God, we come to you this day, seeking your guidance and strength. Help us to understand that it is your love that will support and sustain our efforts. Give us the courage to place our trust in your abiding presence. Open our hearts and minds to the guiding of your Spirit in our lives. Help us place our trust in you. Help us reach out to others in confidence because of your love for us. Through the power of your Spirit, empower us to seek your ways and live as your faithful disciples. Lead us in right paths that we may serve you in truth and action. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** *Beth Huebner*

**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**

Loving God, we thank you for Jesus Christ who gives us life and hope for tomorrow. Lord, accept these offerings, given with joy as a token of our praise, that they may be used in service to Christ. May our eyes and ears and hearts continue to hold on to him as we help Christ lead his church forward; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 3:1-17 (NIV)

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Holy God, fill us with your Spirit as we hear your Word today. Open our ears to hear, our eyes to see, and our hearts to receive your grace and peace. Revive our spirits, that we may be blessed to be a blessing to others. In Jesus' name we pray. **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:** Beth Huebner

**Organist/Pianist:** Jennifer Hall

**Scripture Reader:** Connie Frye

**Sound System:** Joan Wheeler

**Coffee Hour Next Week:**

**Upcoming Worship Servers:**

**Scripture Readers:**

**Mar. 08<sup>th</sup>** Dianne Monson

**Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>** Jennifer Hall

**Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>** Paul Murphey

**Mar. 29<sup>th</sup>** Paul Knowler

**Liturgist:**

Dianne Monson

Beth Huebner

Paul Murphey

Paul Knowler

**Communion Servers:**

Nancy McCauley Paul Murphey Kathy Schweinefus

*Prayer: Loving God, thank you for reminding me that it is never too late for new beginnings. Renew my heart and spirit today. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

**This Week's Events:**

**01** Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. with Communion  
Sunday school: 10:15 a.m.

**03** Mission's Mtg: 2:30 p.m.- Library  
Choir Rehearsal: 5:00 p.m.

**04** Dance Class: 4:30 p.m.

**05** Seeker's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. - Library

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**08** Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday school: 10:15 a.m.

**09** Trustees Mtg: 4:00 p.m. – Library

**11** Dance Class: 4:30 p.m.

**12** Seeker's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. - Library  
Lunch Bunch: 11:30 a.m. at Phoenix Center



TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSPITALITY  
HOST ....

Many thanks to Sandy Brice for  
hosting coffee hour today.

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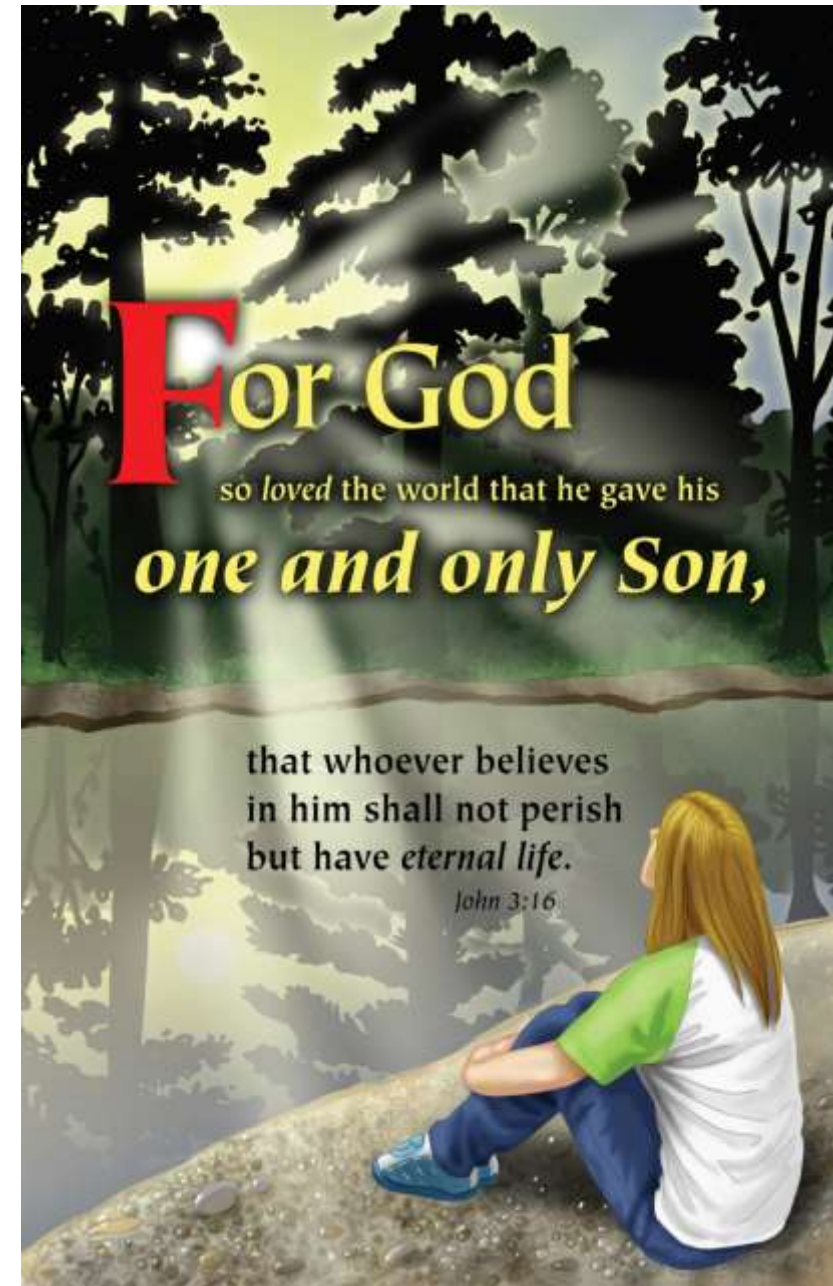


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## General Announcements



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



**UMCOR** is about helping one another through difficult times through the power of partnership. UMCOR's work is only possible because of the dedicated work on the ground of U.M. churches and congregations, annual conferences, and other partners. As United Methodists, we can be proud of what we have accomplished together through UMCOR over the last 85 years. UMCOR is committed to continue showing God's love to those who are suffering. Will you join us?

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices, God is pleased."

--Hebrews 13:16



**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.



### March Birthdays

Tate Perkins	3/1	Michelle Woodman	3/8
Rachel Kaszubski	3/3	Novali Ludwig	3/9
Deanna Gochenaur	3/4	Donna Linsley (89)	3/18
Annabeth Sprecher	3/4	Dan Tracy	3/18
Danielle Worthington	3/5	Asher McCollum	3/19
Amanda Vitale	3/5	Marverick Pluemer	3/23
Lucy Joyce	3/8	Jocelyn Storer	3/31
Nadalie McCollum	3/8	Emilia Tracy	3/31



The Lunch Bunch will meet on  
March 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.  
We'll see you at the Phoenix Center.