

Richland Center United Methodist Church
A Community of Faith
3rd Sunday in Lent: March 8, 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 to you. Speak to us with words of grace. Reveal yourself with the power of your love. Flow over us with the presence of your Holy Spirit. Help us know the glory of your love and experience the wonder of your grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* 140

A MOMENT FOR STILLNESS AND PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where no water is.

P: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

L: I will praise you as long as I live, lifting up my hands to you in prayer.

P: Because you are my helper, I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings.

L: I cling to you; your strong right hand holds me securely.

P: Let us praise the Lord! Amen.

***HYMN** *Rock of Ages* *RC-UMC Singers*

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Gracious God, we come to you, because we are thirsty. Our spirits need the refreshing water of your word, just as our bodies need the refreshment of a cool drink. We thank you for bringing us to the life of worship and thanksgiving. We offer our prayers and sing our praises. Now open our ears that we may hear all that you expect of us. Open our lives to your truth and prepare us to follow Jesus in accepting the unacceptable, challenging the conventional, and joining together in a harvest for your realm; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 & THE LORD'S PRAYER 895

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

God of all worlds, whose care extends to neighbors who differ from us, and whose love embraces all people, we thank you for the love that flows through our lives and through these gifts. Receive these offerings of thanksgiving, and bless both us and what we give. When life is difficult, help us to endure with hope, for your love is steadfast and sure — a love we are called not only to receive, but to share. In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING **John 4: 6-24 (NIV)**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, speak to us in the language of our hearts. Fill us with your Spirit that we live your truth, share the story of Jesus and lead others into discipleship, that your reign may be realized among us and others. In Christ's name, we pray. **Amen.**

MESSAGE *Pastor Grace Cho*

HYMN *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought* 128

BENEDICTION

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!**

Hymn Leaders: David Brock, Connie Frye,
Rosanne Knowler, Kathy Schweinefus

Liturgist: Dianne Monson

Organist/Pianist: Jennifer Hall

Scripture Reader: Dianne Monson

Sound System: Joan Wheeler

Coffee Hour Next Week: Rosie Steinmetz

Upcoming Worship Servers:

Scripture Readers:

Mar. 15th Jennifer Hall

Mar. 22nd Paul Murphey

Mar. 29th Paul Knowler

Apr. 5th Kathy Schweinefus

Liturgist:

Beth Huebner

Paul Murphey

Paul Knowler

Connie Dunn

Prayer: Loving God, thank you for being with me in every wilderness. When I am feeling dry within, help me to trust that you can make streams of grace flow from unexpected places. Renew my strength, restore my hope, and quench the thirst of my heart. In Jesus' name. Amen.

This Week's Events:

08 Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

Sunday school: 10:15 a.m.

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

14 Dance Recital: 4:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

15 Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

Sunday school: 10:15 a.m.

16 PEO: 1:00 p.m. - Library

17 Choir Rehearsal: 5:00 p.m.

18 Newsletter deadline: Noon

Dance Class: 4:00 p.m.

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

20 RAREA Mtg. 10:00 a.m. - Library [rescheduled]

21 PEO Planning meeting: 10:00 a.m. - Library

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TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR
HOSPITALITY HOST

Many thanks to Barb Nimocks &
Mandy Miller for hosting coffee hour today.

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*"Whoever drinks the water I give him
will never thirst."*



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 (90)	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
Nadale McCollum	3/8	Emilia Tracy	3/31



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

Please Add to Your RC-UMC Directory . .

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What is UMCOR Sunday? March 15, 2026



UMCOR Sunday is one of six churchwide Special Sundays designated to support ministries and causes important to the entire United Methodist Church. On this day, we support the United Methodist Committee on Relief—better known as UMCOR—the disaster response and humanitarian relief agency of our church.

Why Does It Matter?

When people face crisis—whether from natural disaster, conflict, or hunger—

UMCOR is there to help. But that kind of response doesn't just happen. It requires trained staff, reliable systems, and the ability to act quickly and compassionately.

UMCOR Sunday matters because it sustains that foundation. By covering UMCOR's administrative costs, this Special Sunday makes sure the Church is equipped to respond whenever and wherever help is needed—without delay.

When we support UMCOR Sunday, we're not just reacting to emergencies. We're making it possible for the Church to be a consistent, trusted presence in moments of urgent need. Please read how UMCOR got started in the March issue of **News From The Center** on page 3.