

Ash Creek & Richland Center
United Methodist Churches
A Community of Faith
“Practicing Hope”
8th Sunday after Pentecost: July 19, 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
WELCOMING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
L: God, you search us and know us. Before we sit, you know when we will rise.
P: God, you search us and know us. Before we speak, you know what we will say.
L: God, you search us and know us, in our joy and despair, in our breathing in and breathing out.
P: God, you search us and know us. Your knowledge is too deep to reach, too vast to comprehend.
L: God, you search us and know us.
P: Search us, O God, and know our hearts.

***HYMN:** *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* 139
Vs. 1, 3, 5

OPENING PRAYER
God of grace and love, We rely on Your love extended to us in all ways and at all times, extravagantly and with generosity. We live day by day knowing that Your care and concern is poured out for us in Your provision for our needs and beyond our imagining. You entrust us with the gift of the good news of the Gospel and invite us to be partners in the sharing of the message of grace. Day by day, we realize the many gifts lavished upon us. We come to You to acknowledge and praise You for all Your goodness to us. Amen.

MOMENT FOR CENTERING AND PRESENCE

MINI-MESSAGE (for Children of All Ages)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING
***DOXOLOGY** 95
***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you, not only with our lips, but with our whole lives, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

1st READING: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 (NRSV)
2nd READING: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (CEB)
MESSAGE Pastor Mitch
***HYMN:** *"You are the Seed"* 583

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTOR PRAYER
THE LORD’S PRAYER 895
***HYMN:** *"The Spirit Sends Us Forth"* 2241
Faith We Sing Book

***BENEDICTION**
Richland Center UMC:
Hymn Leaders: David Brock, Connie Frye, Rosanne Knowler, Kathy Schweinefus
Liturgist: Paul Murphey
Mini-Message: Beth Huebner
Organist/Pianist: Jennifer Hall
Scripture Reader: Paul Murphey
Sound System: Paul Knowler
Coffee Hour Next Week: Joan Wheeler
Upcoming Worship Servers:

July 26 th	Paul Knowler	Paul Knowler
Aug. 2 nd	Kathy Schweinefus	Connie Dunn
Aug. 9 th	Jim Brock	Connie Dunn
Aug. 16 th	Dianne Monson	Dianne Monson

Ash Creek UMC:
For July
Liturgist: Jerry Sims
Scripture Reader: Jerry Sims

AC July Birthdays
Robert Stibbe 7/21
Rochelle Schmidt 7/23



RC July Birthdays
Mark McCollum 7/19
Brandon McCollum 7/20
Terry Nimocks 7/25

RC July Anniversaries
Allen & Terri Kaszubski 7/22
Randy & Bonnie Richardson 7/24
Lester & Nancy Studnicka 7/24
John & Chris Storer 7/25

Prayer: Lord of the harvest, help us trust your wisdom in a world that often feels tangled and restless. Grow in us patience, hope and steady faith. Protect what is good in our lives and in your world. And give us confidence that, in your time, all things will be made right. Amen.

This Week's Events:

- 19 **Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. – AC**
 Ad Council Mtg: 10:10 a.m. - AC
 Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. – RC
- 20 Fire Extinguishers checked: Afternoon. - RC
 Ad Council Mtg: 4:00 p.m. – RC
- 22 Newsletter Deadline: Noon
- 23 Seeker's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. – Library - RC

Upcoming Events:

- 26 Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. – AC
 Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. – RC
- 27 Pastor in school all week
- 30 Seeker's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. – Library - RC



TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSPITALITY
HOST

Many thanks to Ed & Bev Fink for
hosting coffee hour today.

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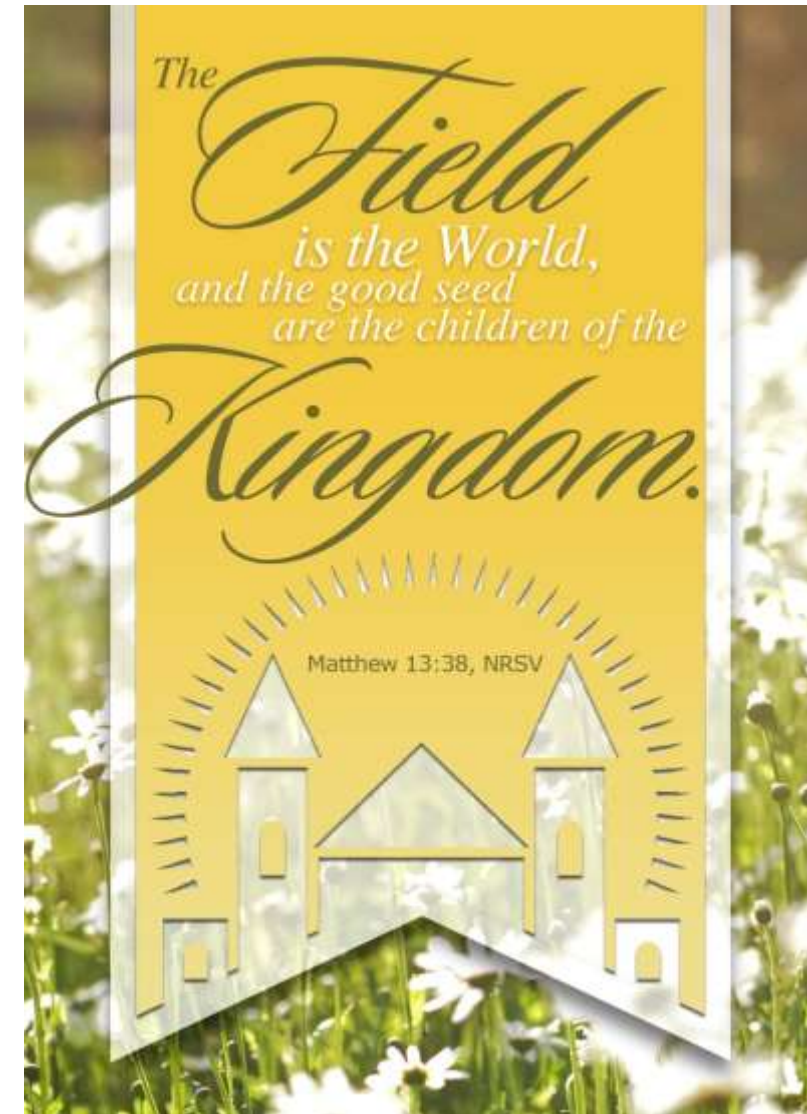
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SCHOOL SUPPLIES

NEW ITEMS ONLY

RC-UMC Mission's Committee has decided to help the area schools with school supplies this year as part of our mission project for July & August. We will be sending the school supplies to the Richland Center Elementary and Intermediate Schools and St. Mary's. Would you like to help give to those children who cannot afford to purchase the needed supplies?

Below is a specific list of supplies needed for all grades.

- ◆ spiral notebooks (wide lined)
- ◆ pencils #2 (no mechanical pencils)
- ◆ crayons – 24-count only
- ◆ colored pencils
- ◆ dry erase markers
- ◆ markers
- ◆ glue sticks or Elmer's glue
- ◆ folders
- ◆ ruler
- ◆ scissors – blunt end
- ◆ large eraser
- ◆ Kleenex
- ◆ pencil box or pouch
- ◆ hand sanitizer

Quite a few of our teachers end up buying school items for the children that cannot afford them. Hardships arise from all sorts of things: no job or very little money coming in, perhaps quite a few school age children for one family to buy for. Let's help out if you can and purchase some school supplies.

There is a tub in the Narthex labeled "School Supplies".

Camping Dates/Pine Lake

Spectrum Family Camp

For who have who have loved ones on the autism spectrum
July 31-August 2

Wild: Middle School Backpacking

August 2-7: Grades 6-9

Wild: Treehouses

August 2-7: Grades 4-6

Summer's Last Blast

August 9-12: Grades 2-4

August 9-14: Grades 4-6, 6-9, 9-12

Visit: WIUMCamps.org

for more information

Camping registration now online



Richland Center Food Pantry

Missions' Committee has again chosen the local Food Pantry as its JULY

Mission focus. The last Sunday, July 26, 2026, offering for missions will support the

Food Pantry. Also, the committee requests that you make a special effort to

bring food donations every Sunday in July, if possible.

Canned fruit and tuna/chicken, box dinners, peanut butter/jelly, canned vegetables/beans,

rice and pasta are especially appreciated as they have a long shelf life. Food collection bins will be located in the east entryway and in the narthex.

