

*Ash Creek & Richland Center
United Methodist Churches
A Community of Faith
“Practicing Hope”
6th Sunday after Pentecost: July 5, 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.*

RC: 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: We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

P: Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

L: God’s love is for you and for all people everywhere.

P: That we may share God’s love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.

L: The living Christ is with us.

P: Praise the Lord!

***HYMN:** *"This is My Song"* 437

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord.

MOMENT FOR CENTERING AND PRESENCE

MINI-MESSAGE (for Children of All Ages)

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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 145:8-14 (NRSV)

2nd READING: Genesis 28:10-16 (NRSV)

MESSAGE

***HYMN - "I Want To Walk As A Child In The Light"**
206

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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.

HOLY COMMUNION 15

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

***HYMN:** *"America the Beautiful"* 696

***BENEDICTION**

Richland Center:

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

Liturgist: Russ Shannon

Mini-Message: Beth Huebner

Organist/Pianist: Jennifer Hall

Scripture Reader: Russ Shannon

Sound System: Paul Knowler

Coffee Hour Next Week: Connie Frye &
Bonnie Richardson

Upcoming Worship Servers:

	Scripture Readers:	Liturgist:
July 12th	Bonnie Richardson	Bonnie Richardson
July 19th	Paul Murphey	Paul Murphey
July 26th	Paul Knowler	Paul Knowler
August 2nd	Kathy Schweinefus	Connie Dunn

Communion Servers:

Connie Dunn Paul Murphey Russ Shannon

Prayer: Gentle Savior, you know the heaviness we carry and the weariness that settles deep in our souls. Teach us to come to you with honesty and trust. Let your quiet strength hold us through each day and draw us close to your gentle, humble heart. Amen.

This Week's Events:

- 05 Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. – Communion - AC**
05 Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. – Communion - RC
06 Trustees Mtg: 10:00 a.m. – Library - RC
07 Mission's Mtg: 2:30 p.m. – Library - RC
09 Seeker's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. – Library - RC
Lunch Bunch: 11:30 a.m. – RC Taco
Formerly Dairy Queen
10 RAREA: 10:00 a.m. – Library - RC

Upcoming Events:

- 12 Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. - AC
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. - RC
15 PEO Rummage Sale set up
16 Joan out of the office all day
PEO Rummage Sale set up
Seeker's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. – Library -RC
17 PEO Rummage Sale: 8:00 a.m.
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TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSPITALITY
HOST

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



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RC July Birthdays

Ellie Otto	7/5
Marlene Curtis	7/5
Louise Murphey	7/9
Kevin Steinmetz	7/10



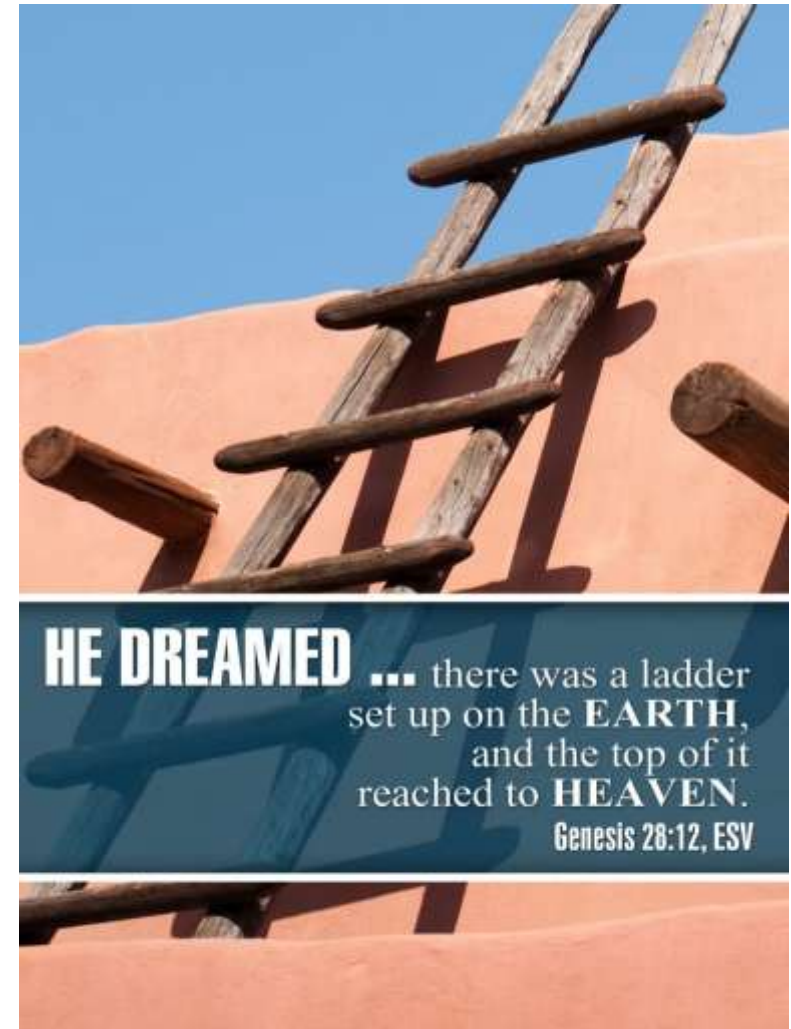
RC July Anniversaries

Paul & Louise Murphey	7/9
Ron & Rosie Steinmetz	7/9

AC July Anniversary

Brent & Sarah Stibbe	7/6
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HE DREAMED ... there was a ladder
set up on the **EARTH**,
and the top of it
reached to **HEAVEN**.
Genesis 28:12, ESV

Starting today, we will begin wearing our name tags again for a month. This will help Pastor Mitch get to know us better. Please make sure to pick up your name tag when you enter the Narthex and then please remember to leave it on the table when you leave after worship. Thank you.



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.



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.



Camping Dates/Pine Lake
Mother-Daughter Weekend
July 10-12: Angie Dahl & Stacey Sinkula

Classic
July 12-15: Grades 2-4
July 12-17: Grades 4-6; 6-9; 9-12

Circuit: Games to Life
July 19-22: Grades 2-4
July 19-24: Grades 4-6

Circuit: Game Makes – Technology to Life
July 19-24: Grades 6-9

Circuit: Robotics/S.T.E.M.
(Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)
July 19-24: Grades 9-12

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



Our next Lunch Bunch will be July 9th
at 11:30 a.m. We will plan to meet at
RC Taco (formerly Dairy Queen)



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.

This Week’s Announcements

