

*Ash Creek & Richland Center
United Methodist Churches
A Community of Faith
"Practicing Hope"
7th Sunday after Pentecost: July 12, 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: Come and worship, everyone on earth, everywhere the sun shine,

P: Let’s praise God together!

L: For listening when we call, answering our prayers, forgiving our mistakes, and providing what we need:

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***HYMN:** *"Wonderful Words of Life"* 600

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 119:105-112 (NRSV)

2nd READING: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (CEB)

MESSAGE **Pastor Mitch**

***HYMN:** *"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"* Black 2158
Vs. 1-2

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.

***HYMN:** *"Open My Eyes"* 454

***BENEDICTION**

Richland Center UMC:

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

Liturgist: Bonnie Richardson

Mini-Message: Beth Huebner

Organist/Pianist: Jennifer Hall

Scripture Reader: Bonnie Richardson

Sound System: Joan Wheeler

Coffee Hour Next Week: Ed & Bev Fink

Upcoming Worship Servers:

July 19th	Paul Murphey	Paul Murphey
July 26th	Paul Knowler	Paul Knowler
Aug. 2nd	Kathy Schweinefus	Connie Dunn
Aug. 9th	Jim Brock	Connie Dunn

Ash Creek UMC:

For July

Liturgist: Jerry Sims

Scripture Reader: Jerry Sims

RC July Birthdays

Al Baker	7/12
Olivia Gochenaur	7/13
Karen Parker	7/17
Kathy Schweinefus	7/17
Becky Tracy	7/18



RC July Anniversaries

Gary & Corrina Mott	7/12
Russ & Barb Shannon	7/12

AC July Birthdays

Shari Sims-Brown	7/1
Colten Stibbe	7/2
Samantha Jurgensen	7/6
Allen Unbehaun (91)	7/10

Our apologies for not including everyone last week.

Prayer: Lord, be the light of our steps today. When the path feels uncertain or the road ahead seems dim, shine your gentle truth into our hearts. Give us courage to trust you with what we cannot see. In Jesu' name. Amen..

This Week's Events:

- 12 **Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. - AC**
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. - RC
- 15 PEO Rummage Sale set up
Pastor will be out of town
- 16 Joan out of the office all day
PEO Rummage Sale set up
Seeker's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. – Library – RC
Pastor will be out of town
- 17 PEO Rummage Sale: 8:00 a.m.
- 18 PEO Rummage Sale: 8:00 a.m.

Upcoming 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



TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSPITALITY
HOST

Many thanks to Connie Frye & Bonnie
Richardson for hosting coffee hour
today.

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*But as for what was sown on
good soil, this is the one who
hears the word and
understands it, who indeed
bears fruit ...*

Matthew 13:23, NRSV



We will be 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.



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.



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".



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

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



This Week’s Announcements

