

Ash Creek & Richland Center
United Methodist Churches
A Community of Faith
“Practicing Hope”
11th Sunday after Pentecost: August 9, 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.

WELCOMING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Children of God, some of us come today with songs of joy, rejoicing at all God has done for us.

P: We come to remember God’s steadfast love and faithfulness.

L: Some of us come today with songs of mourning in our hearts, feeling the weight of loss, isolation, and loneliness.

P: We come to remember God’s steadfast love and faithfulness.

L: Some of us come today with songs of worry and distress, overwhelmed by the troubles and the sufferings of the

world.

P: We come to remember God’s steadfast love and faithfulness.

L: In our joy, our sorrow, our isolation, and our worry, God is faithful!

P: We come to sing God’s praises, for in all things, God’s steadfast love and faithfulness never fail. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*HYMN: "Give to the Winds Thy Fears" 129

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Gracious God, we gather once again to offer You praise and thanksgiving for Your unfailing love and faithfulness, shown most clearly through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us grace to worship You in spirit and in truth. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to recognize You here among us. Give us courage to step out in faith to meet You, and confidence to follow where You lead. For You are our God, and we are Your people, called by Your name. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

MOMENT FOR CENTERING AND PRESENCE

MINI-MESSAGE (for Children of All Ages)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

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 85:8-13 (NRSV)

2nd READING: Matthew 14:22-33 (CEB)

MESSAGE

Pastor Mitch

*HYMN: "Sweet Hour of Prayer" 496

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

*HYMN: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" 66
Vs. 1, 3, 4

*BENEDICTION

Richland Center UMC:

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

Liturgist: Connie Dunn

Mini-Message: Beth Huebner

Organist/Pianist: Jennifer Hall

Scripture Reader: Jim Brock

Sound System: Joan Wheeler

Coffee Hour Next Week: Dianne Monson

Upcoming Worship Servers:

Aug. 16th Dianne Monson Dianne Monson

Aug. 23rd Diane Cox Diane Cox

Aug. 30th Connie Frye Beth Huebner

Sept. 6th Bonnie Richardson Bonnie Richardson

Ash Creek UMC:

For August

Liturgist/Scripture Reader: Jerry Sims

Prayer: Lord Jesus, meet us in life's storms. When fear grows loud, speak your peace. When our steps falter, hold us fast. In your name. Amen.

This Week's Events:

- 09 **Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. – AC**
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. - RC
10 Trustee Mtg: 1:00 p.m. – Library – RC
12 Fire Extinguisher check: Afternoon - RC
13 Seeker's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. – Library – RC
Lunch Bunch: 11:30 a.m. at TKO

Upcoming Events:

- 16 Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. – AC
Ad Council Mtg: 10:10 a.m. – AC
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. – RC
17 Ad Council Mtg: 4:00 p.m. – Library – RC
19 Newsletter deadline: Noon -RC
20 Seeker's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. – Library – RC
Joan - vacation day



**TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSPITALITY
HOST**

Many thanks to Jennifer, Katherine &
Julliette Hall for hosting coffee hour
today.

RC August Birthdays		AC August Birthdays	
Kayla Turgsen	8/10	Reese Johnson	8/11
Jack Johnson	8/13	Mila Ziegahn	8/13
Zada Rose Ludwig	8/13	Schyler Clary	8/14
Marlene Yates	8/13	Kirk Stibbe	8/15
Henry Drone	8/14	David Unbehaun	8/15
Jennifer Hall	8/14	Jim Unbehaun	8/15
		David Ziegahn	8/15
AC August Anniversaries			
Geoff & Antje Zieghan	8/9		
RC August Anniversaries			
Edward & Barb Borton	8/11		

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Lunch Bunch for August:
We will plan to meet at TKO on
August 13th, at 11:30 a.m.
Everyone is invited to join us

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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".



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.



August 2026 Mission Focus

The August mission focus will be the **RC-UMC "Wish List" Fund**. Please use your regular offering envelopes, write checks to Richland Center United Methodist Church, and note on your check and envelope "Wish List Fund" to assist our counters to credit properly your giving account. As usual, please prioritize your regular giving before considering an honor gift to this month's internal missions' project. Please see your August News From the Center for more details regarding this month's internal missions' project.



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

Please no outdated food items. Thank you.