

Ash Creek & Richland Center
United Methodist Churches
A Community of Faith
“Practicing Hope”

14th Sunday after Pentecost: August 30, 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: Sometimes God calls us through burning bushes, telling us to go free a whole people despite our insecurities and fears.

P: God, help us accept your call on our lives.

L: Sometimes God calls us, and we don't understand the full meaning of the call, the ways our families, friends, and communities may resist the good news and us as messengers of it.

P: God, help us accept your call on our lives.

L: Sometimes God calls us to a path that is harder than we think we can handle, asking us to trust that God will provide what we need.

P: God, help us accept your call on our lives.

***HYMN:** "Let There Be Peace on Earth" 431

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Pour your Light, Holy Spirit of God, into our hearts and minds. Help us to know more clearly and grasp more fully the Good News of Jesus. And help us then to know how to share it. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who with You and the Father, are One God. Amen.

MOMENT FOR CENTERING AND PRESENCE

MINI-MESSAGE (for Children of All Ages)

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 26:1-8 (NRSV)

2nd READING: Matthew 16:21-28 (CEB)

MESSAGE

Beth Huebner

***HYMN:** "The Summons" 2130
Faith We Sing

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer 895

***HYMN:** "Onward Christian Soldiers" 575

***BENEDICTION**

Richland Center UMC:

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

Liturgist: Russ Shannon

Organist/Pianist: Jennifer Hall

Scripture Reader: Connie Frye

Sound System: Joan Wheeler

Coffee Hour Next Week: Open

Upcoming Worship Servers:

Sept. 6 th	Bonnie Richardson	Bonnie Richardson
Sept. 13 th	Russ Shannon	Russ Shannon
Sept. 20 th	Paul Murphey	Paul Murphey
Sept. 27 th	Paul Knowler	Paul Knowler

Ash Creek UMC:

For August

Liturgist/Scripture Reader: Jerry Sims

RC August Birthdays

Jennifer Foley 8/30

Leonard McNamer 8/31

RC August Anniversaries

Aaron & Stephanie Joyce 8/31

RC September Birthdays

Jordan Jones 9/1

Deb Walling 9/4

AC September Birthdays

Allison Unbehau 9/3

Nancy Gher 9/4

Geoff Ziegahn 9/4

RC September Anniversaries

Brian & Stephanie Perkins 9/4



Prayer: Holy God, thank you for knowing us by name and calling us your own. When we feel small or uncertain, remind us of your presence. In Jesus; name. Amen.

This Week's Events:

- 30 **Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. - AC**
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. - RC
01 School Starts today
RC: Mission's Mtg: 2:30 p.m. - Library
03 RC: Seeker's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. - Library

Upcoming Events:

- 06 Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. - AC
Worship Service in the Park: 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. - RC
New time next week: 10:15 a.m.
08 RC: Trustee Mtg: 10:00 a.m. - Library
09 RC: Dance Class: 4:00 p.m.
10 RC: Seeker's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. - Library



TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSPITALITY
HOST

Many thanks to Jeff & Sandy Brice for
hosting coffee hour today.



Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday,
September 10th, at 11:30 a.m. We will plan
to meet at Mel's Micro.

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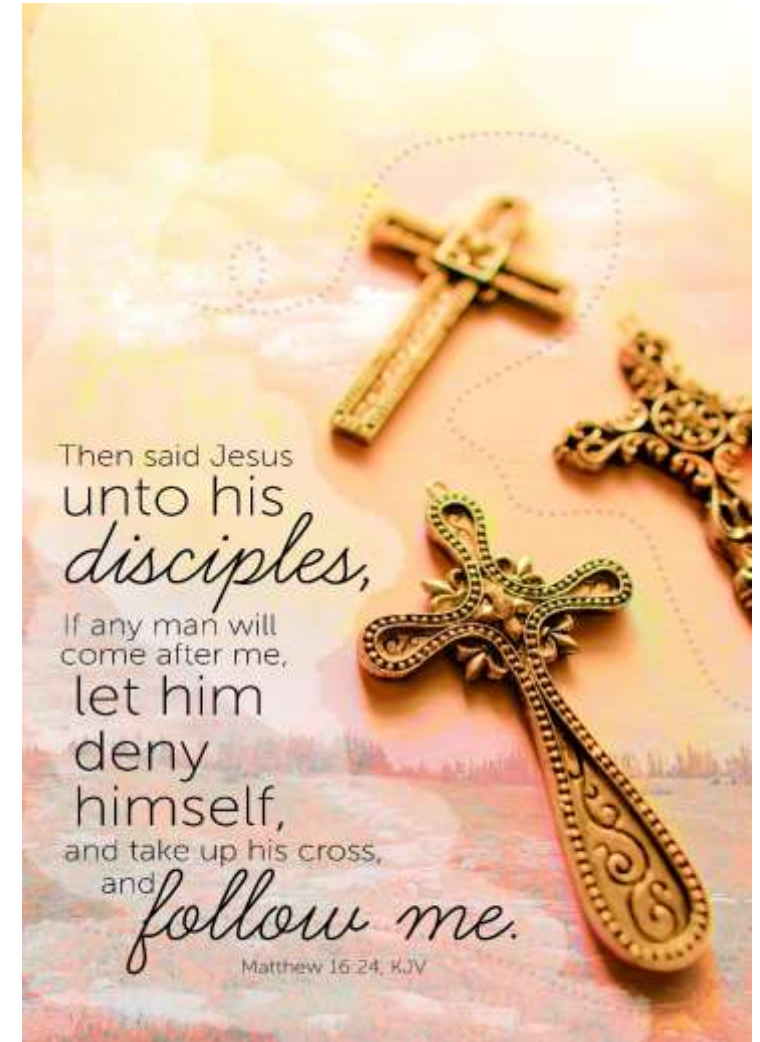
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Christmas Child Shoeboxes

SUGGESTED GIFTS Shoeboxes are in the east hallway on the pew. Our goal is 100 filled shoeboxes!

New items only, please.

Toys: small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, plastic kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky, etc.

School Supplies: pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, coloring books, writing pad or paper, solar calculators, etc.

Hygiene Items: toothbrush, comb, washcloth, etc.

Other: sunglasses, flashlights (with extra batteries), ball caps, socks, T-shirts, toy jewelry, hair accessories, watches, small picture books, etc.

Nifty little items: A plastic zippered pencil case. Big enough to hold several pencils, pens, crayons, markers or small pads of paper. Small metal box for storing personal items or treasures

Do NOT include the following:

***War-related or scary items:** toy guns, knives,

***Soap is no longer allowed in shoebox gifts because of the complications it causes in customs in some nations.**

*Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Last day to bring in shoeboxes will be October 31st.



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.



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.



In Person:
Organist Greg Zelek at
Richland Center UMC
on October 11th.
Doors open at 1:30 p.m.



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.