

Ash Creek & Richland Center
United Methodist Churches
A Community of Faith
“Practicing Hope”
15th Sunday after Pentecost, September 6, 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: We gather together to worship the God of our fathers and mothers.

P: The God of Abraham and Sarah, of Miriam and Moses.

L: Who hears the cries of His people and comes to their aid;

P: Who meets us on holy ground and calls us follow;

L: Who invites us to leave our selfish ways behind, take up our cross,

P: And discover what it means to truly live.

L: This is our God!
P: Let’s worship together.

*HYMN: “How Can We Name a Love” 111

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)
God of the burning bush, we often think that we are unworthy to follow your call on our lives. We forget that you are with us always. Help us to hear your call in our lives anew, that we would awaken to your continual presence and seek to find you in every moment. 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 116:1-9 (NRSV)

2nd READING: Exodus 3:1-14 (NRSV)

MESSAGE Pastor Mitch

*HYMN: “God of Love and God of Power” 578
vs. 1,3,4

JOYS AND CONCERNS
Pastoral Prayer

HOLY COMMUNION 12

*HYMN: “God, Whose Love” 100
vs. 1,3,5

*BENEDICTION

Richland Center UMC:
Hymn Leaders: David Brock, Connie Frye,
Rosanne Knowler, Kathy Schweinefus
Liturgist: Bonnie Richardson
Scripture Reader: Bonnie Richardson
Coffee Hour Next Week: Beth Huebner & Connie Dunn
Upcoming Worship Servers:
Sept. 13th Russ Shannon Russ Shannon
Sept. 20th Paul Murphey Paul Murphey
Sept. 27th Paul Knowler Paul Knowler
Oct. 04th Kathy Schweinefus Kathy Schweinefus
Communion Servers:
Connie Dunn Paul Murphey Bonnie Richardson
Ash Creek UMC:
Liturgist/Scripture Reader: Allen Unbehauen



RC September Birthdays		AC September Birthdays	
Bonnie Richardson	9/8	Macy Seifert	9/6
Angelica Stephens Hoskins	9/9	Brittany Niemeyer	9/7
Scott Turgasen	9/9	Mercedes Clary	9/8
Tim Woodman	9/10		

AC September Anniversaries	
Bob & Jan Stibbe	9/7
Barry & Kay Ziegahn	9/9

Prayer: Lord Jesus, clothe us with your love. Wake us from discouragement and help us walk in the light of your presence. Teach us to love in small, faithful ways that brighten the lives of those around us. Let your kindness be the garment we wear each day. Amen.

This Week's 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.
- 07 Labor Day Holiday – The office is closed
- 09 RCMA: Noon - Library
RC: Dance Class: 4:00 p.m.
- 10 RC: Seeker's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. – Library
Lunch Bunch: 11:30 a.m. at Mel's Micro
- 11 RAREA Mtg: 10:00 a.m. - Library

Upcoming Events:

- 13 Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. – AC
Worship Service: 10:15 a.m. – RC
- 15 RC: Ad Council Mtg: 4:00 p.m. – Library
- 16 RC: Dance class: 4:00 p.m.
- 17 RC: Seeker's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. - Library



TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSPITALITY
HOST

Many thanks to Dianne Monson & Barb Shannon for hosting coffee hour today.



Happy Labor Day tomorrow. If traveling, please come back safely. The office is closed. We will be open again at our normal time on Tuesday.



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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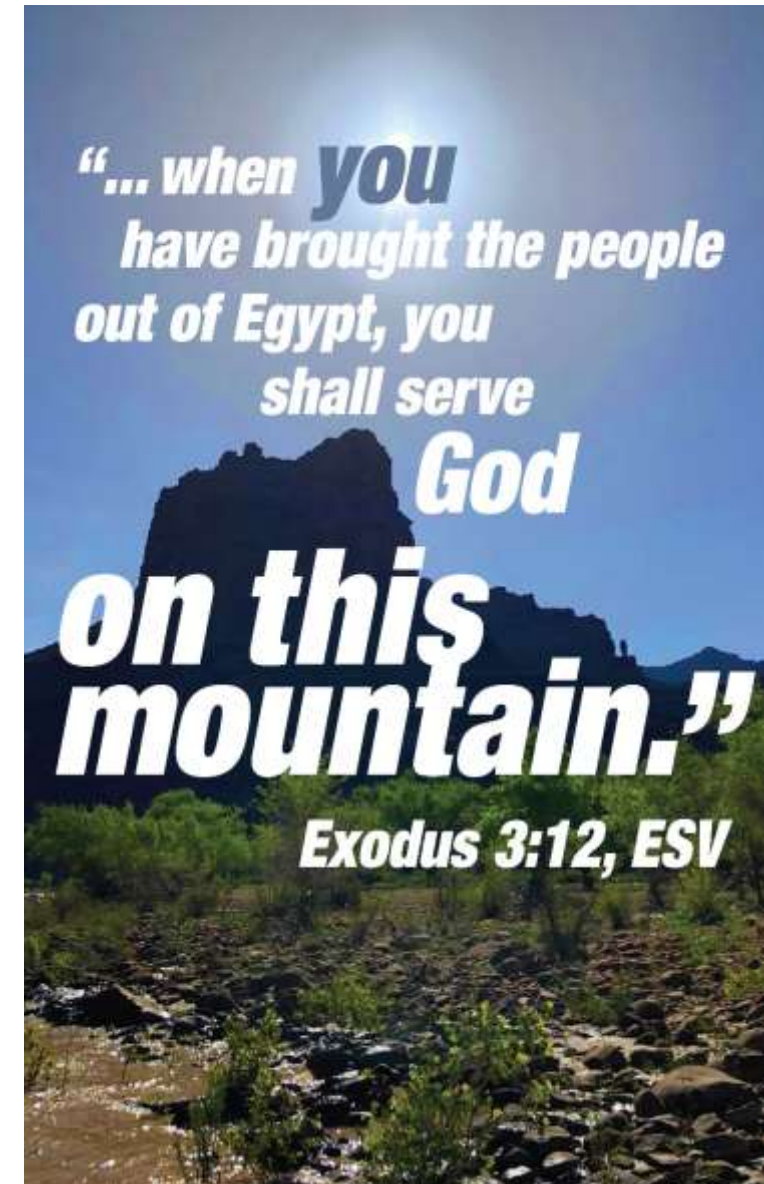
Administrative Assistant: Joan Wheeler
Treasurer/Financial Secretary: Monica Eernisse
Custodian: Desiree Beik

**Richland Center United
Methodist Church hosting
A Concert Event
For the Richland Concert Association
Greg Zelek**

**Principal Organist of the
Madison Symphony Orchestra returns!**
Sunday: October 11, 2026
Performance Time: 2:00 p.m.
Doors open at 1:30 p.m.



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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.

Lord's Acre Sale at Ash Creek

October 10th

Meal starts at 11:30 a.m.

Meal will be provided.

Sale starts at 1:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Proceeds from the sale will stay at Ash Creek UMC.



Harvest Auction at RC-UMC

October 21st.

Finger foods will be provided starting at 6:30 p.m.

Auction will start at 7:00 p.m.

Proceeds will go to support Jack Mujonga from Senegal. *His mission is food security.*

Everyone is invited.



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.



