

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

16th Sunday after Pentecost: September 13, 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: Praise the God of all Creation.

P: Worship the One who calls us— speaking with a different voice, offering an unexpected invitation.

L: Celebrate the presence of our loving God.

P: Rejoice, the realm of God is near.

***HYMN:** *“Help Us Accept Each Other”* 560

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

God of the seas, God of Jonah, we thank you for the ways in which you reach out to all people, even those whom we might think are not worthy of your love. Help us to be

transformed in You, that we would hear your call to love all people. 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 72:1-4; 12-14 (NRSV)

2nd READING: Jonah 3:1-8 (NRSV)

MESSAGE Pastor Mitch

***HYMN:** *“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”* 121

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

***HYMN:** *“Let All Things Now Living”* 2008
Faith We Sing Book

***BENEDICTION**

Richland Center UMC:

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

Liturgist: Russ Shannon

Organist/Pianist: Jennifer Hall

Scripture Reader: Russ Shannon

Sound System: Paul Knowler

Coffee Hour Next Week: Beth Huebner & Connie Dunn

Upcoming Worship Servers:

Sept. 20 th	Paul Murphey	Paul Murphey
Sept. 27 th	Paul Knowler	Paul Knowler
Oct. 04 th	Kathy Schweinefus	Kathy Schweinefus
Oct. 11 th	Jim Brock	Beth Huebner

Ash Creek UMC:

Liturgist/Scripture Reader: Allen Unbehaun

RC September Birthdays

Lester Parker	9/12
Terry Adams	9/16
Nancy McCauley	9/17



RC September Anniversaries

Lester & Karen Parker	9/18
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AC September Anniversaries

Mark & Rochelle Schmidt	9/19
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**Our Charge Conference
will be held Saturday, October 24th**

One church will hold their meeting at 10:00 a.m. with the second church following at 11:00 a.m. As soon as we know which church will start, we’ll make sure to publish it. Rev. Dr. Amanda Stein, our District Superintendent, will be the Presiding Elder of the meetings.

Prayer: Loving God, thank you for the simple lights you place in our lives – kindness, friendship, small acts of grace. Help us to notice them, cherish them and share them. Make us instruments of encouragement to those who need a gentle brightness today. Let your warmth shine in us and through us. Amen.

This Week's Events:

- 13 **Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. – AC**
Worship Service: 10:15 a.m. – RC
15 RC: Ad Council: 4:00 p.m. – Library
16 RC: Deb Walling Visitation: 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
17 RC: Deb Walling Visitation: 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
RC: Deb Walling Funeral: 11:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events:

- 20 Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. – AC
Worship Service: 10:15 a.m. – RC
Sunday school: 10:30 a.m. – RC
21 RC: PEO: 6:00 p.m.
23 Newsletter Deadline: Noon
RC: Dance Class: 4:00 p.m.
24 RC: Seeker's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. - Library



TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSPITALITY
HOST

Many thanks to Ed & Bev Fink for
hosting coffee hour today.

Lord's Acre Sale at Ash Creek
October 10th

Meal starts at 11:30 a.m. with it a free will
offering.

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 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.

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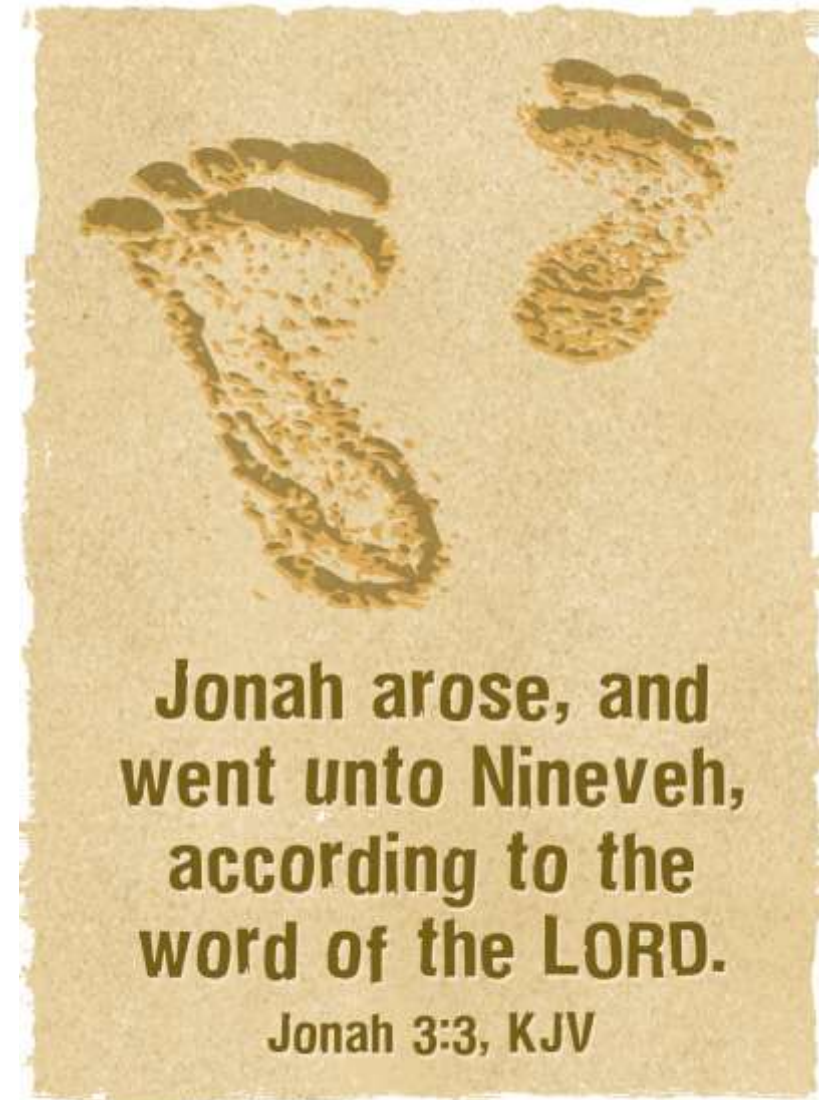
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Custodian: Desiree Beik



**Get ready for Sundy school! It starts
next Sunday at 10:30 a.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.



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.

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