

*Ash Creek & Richland Center
United Methodist Churches
A Community of Faith
“Practicing Hope”
Reformation Sunday
October 25, 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.

The mission of the AC-UMC: Do the best we can in the world we live in.

**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: We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.

P: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

L: When we feel tested by hard decisions, calls to advocate against injustice, competing narratives, and worrying misinformation, we remember:

P: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

L: When we struggle with damaged trust and the need to repair our relationships with God and one another, when we are called to go against the social current to build communities of mercy and justice, we remember:

P: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

L: Come, let us worship God whose grace surrounds us when we feel tested and tried, empowering us to remain faithful disciples of Jesus Christ when we face chaos, division, injustice, and hardship.

P: We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the Body of Christ in a broken and hurting world. Amen.

***HYMN:** *“Bring Many Names”* 2047
The Faith We Sing

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Happy are we, O God, when our hearts are full,
our ways are yours, our spirits enlivened by your call.
Happy are we, O God, when our lives are guided by
delight. We gather here today for just that, holy God.
We gather to draw on all you would give us
to be more fully yours. In Jesus’ name. 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 1 (NRSV)

2nd READING: Matthew 22:34-46 (CEB)

MESSAGE

Pastor Mitch

***HYMN:** *“Make Me A Servant”* 2176
The Faith We Sing

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

***HYMN:** *“Take My Life and Let It Be”* 399

*BENEDICTION

Richland Center UMC:

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

Liturgist: Diane Cox

Organist/Pianist: Jennifer Hall

Scripture Reader: Diane Cox

Sound System: Joan Wheeler

Coffee Hour Next Week: Memorial Ministry Members

Upcoming Worship Servers:

Nov. 1st	Paul Murphey	Paul Murphey
Nov. 8th	Bonnie Richardson	Bonnie Richardson
Nov. 15th	Russ Shannon	Russ Shannon
Nov. 22nd	Paul Murphey	Paul Murphey

Communion Servers for next week:

Connie Dunn	Paul Murphey	Russ Shannon
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Please make sure to stay for the potluck in honor of Pastor Mitch for Pastor Appreciation Month. It will start immediately after our worship service. There is No coffee hour today.

Prayer: God of love, help us to center our lives on what matters most.. When we feel scattered or burdened, draw us back to your command to love you and love others. Amen.

This Week's Events:

- 25 **Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. – AC**
Worship Service: 10:15 a.m. – RC
Sunday school: 10:30 a.m. – RC
Pastor Appreciation Month Potluck: 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- 29 Seeker's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m.
Joan on vacation

Upcoming Events:

- 01 Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. – AC -
Worship Service: 10:15 a.m. – RC - Communion
All Saints Day Celebration
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. – RC
- 02 PEO: 1:00 p.m. – RC – Library
- 03 Mission's Mtg: 2:30 p.m. – RC – Library
- 04 Dance Class: 4:00 p.m. – RC
- 05 Seeker's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. – RC – Library
- 07 World Community Day: 10:00 a.m.
In St. Mary's Basement. Open to all women.



TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSPITALITY
HOST
NO coffee hour today. We are
downstairs for the potluck to honor
Pastor Mitch



**Daylight Saving time ends next
Saturday evening. Turn your
clocks back one hour.**



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RC October Birthdays

Stephanie Worthington	10/25
Marge Brock	10/26
Shirley Wanless	10/27
Connie Dunn	10/29
Grant Worthington	10/30

AC October Birthdays

Betty Emerson	10/29
Bob Johnson	10/29
Chris Brown	10/31

AC October Anniversaries

Fritz & Sue Stibbe	10/25
George & Dianne Nachtigal	10/26
Dustin & Samantha Jurgesen	10/27

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& WITH ALL YOUR soul
AND WITH ALL YOUR
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MATTHEW 22:37