Prayer Requests

****Patrick McKinley

****Christopher, nephew of Debbie Olson

***Kurt, son of Kris & Debbie Olson

***Brother-in-law of Maria Yost

***Jennifer Olejniczak

***Hanna, granddaughter of Eva Figley

**Parker, grandson of Marcia Matthews

**Mike, nephew of Marcia Matthews

**Bill, friend of Kris & Debbie Olson

**Gina Franklin

**Cindy Stath and the family of Jim Barbee

**Bev Fleming

*James Brill

*Family of Harold Fink's girlfriend

*Bob Crowly

*Mary Lou Porter

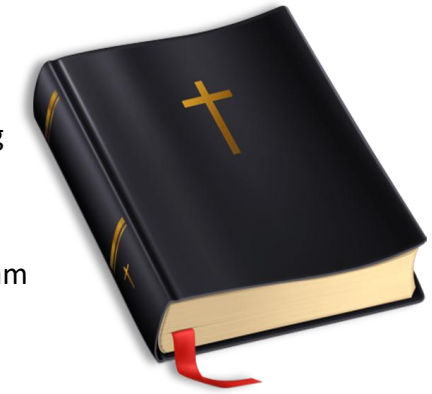
*Barry, father of Barry Barnes

*Judy Pierce

*Family of Estela Lopez

As names rotate off the list, please continue to remember them in prayer.

Senior Pastor – Rev. Denise Robinson
Liturgist – Mary Lou Mybeck
Music Director – Pablo Valladares
Children Ministries Director – Eunice Enning
Treasurer – Linda Boender
Connections Coordinator – Nancy Caddick
Office Administrator – Niya (Yvonne) Ketcham
Facility Manager – David Miller
Technical Director – Dan Zilai



RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Welcome to the 21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 18th, 2026

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship at Ridge

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Jesus walks among us, inviting us into a life of purpose and wonder. He looks at our searching hearts and asks, "What are you looking for?"

We are looking for truth; we are searching for a place to belong.

Jesus doesn't hand us a list of rules, nor does he demand we have all the answers before we follow him. Instead, he turns to us with open arms and says, "Come and see."

We bring our questions, our doubts, and our curiosity. We accept the invitation to try the new life he offers and see the change it can make in us.

Even when others are skeptical, our testimony remains simple: "Come and see what God is doing!" Shake off your hesitations and step past your assumptions. Christ is here, ready to reveal his love and transform our lives.

Let us worship the Messiah together. We have come to see, and we stay to praise!

***Hymn of Praise** **"Jesus Calls Us"** **#398 - v. 1,3,5**

Children's Moment **Rev. Denise Robinson**

Offering **Chancel Choir**

"He's Got the Whole World/This is my Father's World"

***Doxology and Prayer Over Offering**

Praises and Prayer Concerns

Prayer Hymn **"Spirit Song"** **#347**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

***Scripture Reading** **John 1:35-46**

Message **Rev. Denise Robinson**

The Gospel in Children's Stories
"Green Eggs and Ham: Try"

***Hymn of Response** **"Trust and Obey"** **#467**

***Benediction and Postlude**

As worship concludes we move to the Gathering Room, where we are invited to greet one another and share in fellowship.

Announcements

Attendance - Please let us know that you are here by completing the **Blue** Gather card and any additional information.

Q3 Giving Statements - are available for pick up in the Narthex at the Welcome desk.

Bridging Hunger - RUMC Food Pantry is having a soft launch on **Wednesday, October 21st** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Shoebox Gifts – are due back no later than Sunday, **October 25th**. Please drop the filled shoeboxes off in the Narthex.

Mission Sunday November 1st - The Love Pantry suggests cereals, baked beans, chili, pasta meals, ramen noodle soup, chicken noodle soup, peanut butter, jelly, canned chicken, household paper and cleaning supplies.

Abundance Offertory Sunday – November 8th: The collection item for the month of November will be toothbrushes. Drop them off at the table near the Baptismal Fountain at the front of the Sanctuary.

Mobile Market - We have volunteer opportunities to help distribute food to those in need through the Food Bank of NWI's MOBILE MARKET on **Thursday, November 19th** from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the RUMC parking lot. Contact Dan Zilai at 260-415-5816 to sign up.

Clothing Drive - The collection of coats and winter gear for local residents (through Love INC charity) will run through **December.** Drop off bins will be near the front doors.

Saturday Homeless Shelter Lunches - Volunteers are needed for **December 12th and January 9th, 2027,** to cook and serve for about 30 men. Sign up on the bulletin board either in the hallway by Pastor's office or in the Fellowship Hall lobby. Call Kathy at 219-789-3096 for more information.

Caregiver Support Group - meets on the **2nd and 4th Tuesday** of every month at 2 p.m. Next meeting is **October 27th**.

Chair Exercise Group - All fitness levels and friends are welcome! Every **Thursday** at 3 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

**You are invited to remain seated or stand as you are able.*
Please silence your phone.