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## **From the Minister's Mac:**

### **Sunless-ness**

Brian and I are back from vacation, having enjoyed what will be for us a once-in-a-lifetime event — a total solar eclipse. Having missed the one in 2017, we decided not to miss this one and drove to Arkansas to witness this solar wonder.

While my mother lives in Northwest Arkansas, she wasn't in the path of totality, so we all drove south to Russellville so we could experience the full eclipse. The newscasters had been talking it

up, especially about Russellville, which was holding a mass wedding ceremony for 150 people just before totality. They said it would be extremely crowded (it wasn't) and that it might rain (it didn't) and if it didn't rain there would be lots of clouds (there weren't).

It was a lovely 80° day and we sat under blue skies with folks from all over the country. We cheered when the eclipse started and we all broke out in spontaneous applause when totality was over. If you've ever seen a total eclipse, you know the feeling it brings, the sounds, the strange glow all around, the thick feeling of the cool air, and finally, the return of warmth and light.

We had been making comments all the way to Russellville, like "See you when the sun don't shine," and "Now we get to see the dark side of the moon," and "Sunless-ness is going to be so dark!" But you know what? It wasn't! It was darker, but not completely dark, and we marveled at how just a little ring of sunlight could still help us see. Just a thin ring of sunlight peeking out around the large and very dark orb of a moon still provided enough light to see one another, and the dogs sitting patiently beside their best friends, and the camera jockeys taking dozens of pictures that I hope turned out better than ours.

As I continue to reflect theologically about that spectacular astrological event, I think about the times in my life when I felt like I was dwelling in darkness, only to realize that the light of Christ was always there. It may have seemed obscured by clouds or the dark side of the moon (please forgive all the Pink Floyd references), but the light of Christ was there. Praise God! I look at the pictures I took and, because I had neither a strong enough solar filter nor a super telephoto lens, the dark moon is only a dot and the sun is shining just as brightly as ever (although you can see a few stars in the sky). What seemed like utter sunless-ness, was in fact a demonstration of the power of the Light.

In other words, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:5

Anyway, we made it home safely and look forward to many more Son-filled days as we roll from Spring into Summer.

See you next week,  
Lin

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darkness has not overcome it.” John 1:5

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## **THANKS FOR THE EGGS!**



The ladies have prepared a great Easter egg hunt for the kids this Sunday. Thank you to everyone who contributed candy, and let the egg searching be a joy to everyone!

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## **THE BAD GUYS ARE AT IT AGAIN!**

A Message From Rev. Lin:

There is another fake text going around, claiming to be from me and asking for gift cards. Please spread the word: I will NEVER do that. If we need more gifts cards, I will ask

either in the weekly newsletter or via announcements in church. I will NEVER send a cryptic message saying I am out of town and need your help, or that I am in a meeting and need you to do me a favor. Please don't respond to those texts, as it only encourages them to keep after you. If you are really unsure, please call a number you know is mine, or check with the church office or someone you trust. Let's be wise as serpents and gentle as doves and not fall for these schemes!

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## **SAMARITAN FUND NEED GIFT CARDS!**



In order to help people in our community, Rinn tries to give grocery gift cards to those who are in need. Unfortunately, due to the high level of need at the moment, our fund is running short.

If you would like and are able to help, it is most useful if you can contribute gift cards in \$25 increments. Give these to the main office.

Thank you for helping our brothers and sisters who are suffering.

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## **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY**

Mondays 7:00-9:00pm April 15 to June 10, 2024  
Rinn United Methodist Church  
Coordinator: Michael Rowley

Learn how to take control of your money, attack debt with a vengeance, save for emergencies, invest wisely and build wealth, and still be able to give generously (the best part).

Mike has helped to lead FPU eight times, over the years. The program is geared to fine tune the way you look at earning, spending, and saving. This class is open to Rinn members and the community. The cost is \$80 per household for the class (in-person or virtual), a year of access to video lessons, a free one-on-one financial coaching session, and a number of other digital bonuses.

Contact Mike at [michael@metro-logic.com](mailto:michael@metro-logic.com) with any questions or to join the class.

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## **RINN UMC FAMILY CAMPOUT**

The Outreach Committee is looking for two co-leaders to help put together a family friendly campout. We would arrive at our campsite on Friday night, go for a hike and do a few activities on Saturday and have a campfire program that night. We would come home on Sunday after having breakfast and a short worship service.

Dates TBD, but if you might be interested, contact Mike at [michael@metro-logic.com](mailto:michael@metro-logic.com) to let him know if you can help and how many people your family might bring.

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## **UPDATES ON WATER FILTERS FOR HAITI**

If you missed the building session on March 16th, Christ in the Caribbean still has about 12 systems for building personal emergency water filter buckets available. For every system they sell, they can gift two filters for Haiti.

Also, Sawyer Filters has agreed to let friends and family get in on the emergency filter kit fundraiser. They will order the filters through the

CitC website and let Sawyer know that this is for the CitC fundraiser. For every kit purchased, two filters will be given for use in Haiti. This offer will only be made for 60 days, so keep an eye on this space for the starting date.

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## **KIDS' HOPE MENTOR NEEDED!**

Legacy Elementary has informed us that they have a first grader who could benefit from having a mentor. If you're interested in this opportunity to help out a young person, please let Diana know (720-354-1432) or see her in church for information. Remember it's just 1 hour/1 day a week.

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## **LIFELINE SCREENING AT RINN**

**This Saturday, April 13, 2024.**

Did you know?

"80% of strokes are preventable, according to the American Heart Association and

Life Line Screening provides valuable health screenings to detect the risk of stroke and cardiovascular disease".

You can take advantage of these health screenings today by signing up for the complete stroke screening package which includes four screenings for vascular disease.

Appointment times are filling up, but **there may still be appointments if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity!**

Pre-registration is required. Sign up now by calling toll free to **1-844-591-7160**, texting the word "**circle**" to **216-279-1607**, or visiting <https://lisa.social/HC>.

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## **“Brunch Bunch” Bible Study**

Wednesdays

Breakfast at Maggie's at 8:45 a.m.

Study at Bev Ramsey's house at 10:30 a.m.

Join us weekly for breakfast and a discussion of our faith.  
Call the office for location.

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### Sooper's Cards for Rinn



Did you know that you can tie your King Sooper's loyalty card to Rinn UMC, and the church will get a contribution every time you use it? If you're not one of those, please consider signing up! Every donation helps!

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### Movie Night at Rinn!

Join us at Rinn United Methodist Church at 3783 Bella Rosa Parkway in Frederick for our "Movie Night" series! We will gather on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month to watch another episode. We will be watching *The Chosen*, a series about the journey of Jesus as he calls his disciples, heals the sick, and sacrifices himself for humanity. Episodes vary in length from 20 minutes to 90 minutes. It's casual, so bring your popcorn or your snack and drink (no adult beverages please) and enjoy this series with like-minded followers of Jesus. Feel free to bring friends and family, too! We'll meet for about 90 minutes.

We start right at 7:00 p.m. so please be timely and arrive a few minutes early. If you have any questions, contact Shelly Anderson at 720-280-



6398 or Mary Stoothoff at 303-875-9488.

**April 11, 25 2024**

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**~ Rinn Worship Service ~**  
*(In-person and livestreamed on Facebook)*

**April 14 • 9:30 a.m.**

***Scripture***  
**John 20:19-31**

***Message***  
**“In Defense of Thomas”**

**Livestreamed on Facebook:**  
**to access our Facebook page, click [HERE](#).**  
**To follow along with the service, the Order of Worship is [HERE](#).**

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**Adult Bible Study • Sundays at 8:00 a.m.**

Starting February 18, 2024 we will be looking at Christianity and other world religions. Please join us for engaging conversation this Sunday!  
All are welcome!

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**WHILE SCOTT'S RECOVERING**

Please pray for Scott's continued healing.  
Please send cards to Shelly's address: 8284 CR 7, Longmont CO 80504

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**WHILE JULIE'S RECOVERING**

Julie also needs prayers and good wishes for her continued healing.

She's home, and you can send cards to her house: 1555 E 133rd Ave.,  
Thornton CO 80241

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## **CHEST FREEZER MISSING**

Our small chest freezer that was in our storage shed is missing! If someone has it or knows where it might be could they please just leave it off by the storage shed with no questions asked.

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## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR**

## **LYNNE ANDERSON MEMORIAL**

**JULY 27, 2024 AT 11:00 AM**

## **WITH RECEPTION TO FOLLOW**

\*\*Mindy would like to thank all of Rinn for their thoughts and prayers during this time of sorrow.

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## **DIRECTORY UPDATE**

We are hoping to have a working copy of the directory soon!!  
PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORMS in the narthex on the table by the office. Fill out only the information you are comfortable with! There is front and a back to each form. Make sure to mark if you want to be included in the directory.

If you have any question, please email the church office. ([info@rinnumc.org](mailto:info@rinnumc.org))

THANK YOU!

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## **KEY INVENTORY**

We are performing an annual key inventory. Please check with Rusty and let him know your key number and if you are still using your key. If you are not, please return your key to Rusty. Thank you!

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## **Refreshments for after Worship sign-up**

- April 14th: Vinson Family
- April 21st: Older Youth Group
- April 28th: Janice & Sheila

Thank you so much to all of you who have already signed up! The sign-up board will be in the narthex either at the welcome table or the podium. Please feel free to sign up for future dates! If you have any questions, or need to change your date, please feel free to call or text Mary Margaret at 573-368-1390 or call the church office at 303-776-1578 (Church Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-noon)

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## **We Need Your Help with Refreshments after Worship!**

Dear Refreshment Volunteers,

Thank you so much for volunteering to provide cookies/snacks for our fellowship time after church. We want to make it as easy and stress-free as possible. Here are some guidelines, for the present time at least, (things are always changeable when it comes to snacks!)

- Provide around 4 dozen cookies in total (these can be baked at home or store bought)
- Provide a "non-sugar" option (fruit, cheese, crackers, etc...)
- Arrange on trays found in the kitchen
- Napkins, small plates, cups, coffee carafes, lemonade pitchers, creamer, sugar, stir stick can all be found in the kitchen
- Coffee and Lemonade will already be made for you
- Please take all items to the kitchen and clean up afterward
- you will get a reminder in your email from Mary Margaret about 3 days in advance of your sign-up date.
- A sign-up sheet will be at the podium in the Narthex each Sunday.

If you have any questions, or need to change your date, please feel free to call or text Mary Margaret at 573-368-1390 or call the church office at 303-776-1578 (Church Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-noon)

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## ***Via Mobility for Life***

Providing rides for residents:  
Seniors 60+, disabled, and income qualified.  
Dacono, Frederick & Firestone  
303-444-3043

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## **Cowboy Fellowship**

**Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Rinn**



**April 17: Harmonia**

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## ***April Birthdays***

- 1 Garry Wilson
- 2 Chris Cholas

5 Howard Rasmussen  
6 Cindy McBride  
11 Matthew Kemnetz  
12 Eileen Hinkle  
13 Debbie Rowley  
16 Justin Goetze  
16 Matthew Presnall  
18 Marvin Van Dyke  
20 Britt Hulstrom  
21 Michael Diaz  
21 Keith Oliver  
25 Zadia Diaz  
25 Mark Mann  
28 Jeff Shaw  
30 Ethan Diaz

***Happy Anniversary to:***  
10 Wayne & Marsha Wood (1971)

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## **In Our Prayers**

- Prayers for peace in Haiti and other current war-torn areas, and especially for Yong Hui McDonald, a UMC missionary in Haiti.
- Prayers for continued healing for Scott, Sharon, Cindy, Wayne, Alan, Karen, and all others suffering from cancer.
- Prayers for the family of Gloria Cundall, who died of cancer.
- Prayers of healing for Diana's daughter Michelle.
- Prayers for Justin's backpack ministry for the unhoused.
- Prayers for Edgar in his journey to Washington D.C.
- Prayers for Rae Ann's cousin whose son John died.
- Prayers for Lin's friend Richard whose wife Linda died.
- Prayers for healing for Stephanie with laryngitis.
- Prayers of thanks that Ashley's son Brian passed his regionals.
- Prayers for John, who is looking for work.
- Prayers for Beverly Ramsey's son-in-law James, as he has surgery.
- Prayers of comfort for Justin (not our Justin) whose ranch in Oklahoma was burned down.
- Prayers of healing for Rusty's uncle, Warren.
- Prayers of continued healing for Julie and Joe, who are both home after transplant surgery, and doing well!
- Prayers that Cindy's brain scan show the cancer has not spread there.

- Prayers for Jason's family and friends after his fatal overdose.
- Prayers of thanks for people like Steve who help others!!
- Prayers of thanks and for the safety of our first responders.
- Prayers for Lisa, that the mass found in her pancreas is benign.
- Prayers for Mike's sister Rhoda, who has cancer
- Prayers for Mike's hearing loss.
- Prayers for Susan McMann and her husband Doug as she deals with problems with her legs and prepares for surgery on April 30.
- Prayers for the families of those who died in the Key bridge collapse in Baltimore, and thanks for the heroes who kept it from being worse.
- Continued prayers for Hunter and the Presnall family

If anyone needs to be taken off or added to this list please fill out the form in your Sunday bulletin or [email the church office](#).

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## [Weekly Activity Schedule](#)

**For more upcoming events, view our online calendar [HERE](#).**

***Friday 4/12***

7:00pm A.A. in Fellowship Hall

***Saturday 4/13***

8:00am Lifeline Screening in Fellowship Hall

***Sunday 4/14***

8:00am Adult Bible Study

8:15am Men's Koffee Klub

9:30am Worship Service

***Wednesday 4/17***

8:45am Breakfast Fellowship at Maggie's

10:30a Wednesday Brunch Bunch Bible Study at Bev Ramsey home

7:00pm Cowboy Fellowship

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**[Rinn United Methodist Church Leadership](#)**

*The Administrative Council meets on the third Thursday of every month.  
Everyone is welcome to attend. Our leaders who keep your church running  
smoothly are listed below.*

President: Shelly Anderson  
Lay Leader: Wayne Vinson  
Staff Parish Relations (Personnel): Bonnie Clark  
United Methodist Women: Sharon Goldade  
Trustees: Rusty Goetze  
Treasurer: Sue Mercer  
Finance Secretary: Steve Sterkel  
Cowboy Fellowship: Mike Shaw  
Nominations: Rev. Lin Cheek  
Worship Committee: Rev. Lin Cheek



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