

12/3/2023 Newsletter



**From the Minister's Mac:
The Symbols of Christmas**



I had a dream last night where I was explaining the symbolism of the Christmas tree to my granddaughter. The Evergreen represents eternal life. The lights remind us of the light of Christ. The red ribbon and red ornaments stand for the blood of Christ, shed for us — “Just like on the candy cane,” I told her. The beads encircling the tree represent all the people connected as the Body of Christ. The gold ornaments speak to the King-ship of Jesus and remind us of the gifts the Magi brought. In my dream she nodded and seemed to understand.

It was a dream, so let's just say she did.

All of the symbolism that speaks of our faith can get lost in the mad rush of the holiday season. That is why, on the first Sunday of Advent, I like to do a Hanging of the Greens litany, to explain how we have prepared the house of God for the coming of God's own son — and why — and to ask God's blessing on the Advent Wreath and the Christmas Tree.

As you prepare your own house to celebrate the birth of the Christ child, remember what you are doing and why. We are not just trying to win the Christmas Lighting Contest, or enjoy the flavor of a candy cane, we are engaging in the time-honored tradition of preparing our hearts for Christ, and not just our

hearts, but our churches and homes and communities.

May God bless all your preparations, and this year, may everyone on earth truly encounter the Christ Child.

See you in church!

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“Prepare the way for the Lord’s coming!” Mark 1:3

Christmas Poinsettias



Share the beauty of a poinsettia plant(s) with the church! When the 7 pm Christmas Eve service concludes, you may take your plant(s) home with you to enjoy there. **This year, we are asking you to purchase the plant(s) and bring the church beginning 12/17.** Labels will be provided for you to place on the bottom of the plant, if you would like the same plant back. Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9:00am to noon. If you would like to dedicate your plant in memory or honor of a loved one, please fill out a form (located in the narthex) and return to the office by 12/19 for the name of your loved one to be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

Roof Repair!

We are accepting donations for the Roof Fund. As most of you know, our deductible for the Hail Damage is \$25,000! You may leave checks in the offering plate, cash in an envelope in the offering plate, or donate through Breeze. PLEASE, PLEASE make sure these donations are clearly marked: ROOF so as not to be mixed in with your regular monthly giving to the General Fund. We will keep you updated on our progress. These donations will be added to your year-end giving Statements.

We have raised over \$22,000 of our \$25,000 goal!

“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 Bible study of the Psalms.

Call the office for location.

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? This quarter, we raised \$124.36 between April 1st and June 30th from the 8 households signed up. If you're not one of those, please consider signing up!

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.

Upcoming viewing dates: December 14, 28



~ Rinn Worship Service ~
(In-person and livestreamed on Facebook)
December 3 • 9:30 a.m.

Scripture

Mark 1:1-8

Message

“John the Baptist”

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

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

Our adult class is studying translations of the New Testament.
Please join us for engaging conversation this Sunday!
All are welcome!

DON'T FORGET THE CRAFT FAIR
THIS SATURDAY!!



UMW Craft Fair

December 2nd, 10am-4pm
In the Fellowship Hall



Local artisans showcasing their wares.
Bake sale from the ladies of UMW!
Lunch featuring homemade soups!

Lunch is \$8 for adults/\$4 for kids

Plan your Christmas shopping accordingly!

Interested in selling at the fair? Talk to Suzanne about
renting a table or email rinn.craft.fair@gmail.com



Email Suzanne Gallagher with questions or to rent a table
at rinn.craft.fair@gmail.com

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Sun 12/3, 9:30am

1st Sunday of Advent — the Sunday of Hope

“John the Baptist” (Mark 1:1-8)

Are we wandering in the wilderness or have we heard the voice of hope?

Sun 12/10, 9:30am

2nd Sunday of Advent — the Sunday of Peace

“Joseph” (Matthew 1:18-25)

Does being loving and compassionate like Joseph bring us peace?

Sun 12/17, 9:30am

3rd Sunday of Advent — the Sunday of Joy

“Mary” (Luke 1:46-56)

When faced with difficulty, can we respond with joy, like Mary?

Tue 12/19, 7pm

Blue Christmas (Ecclesiastes 3:1-13)

A service where all who are grieving may still encounter the Christ child in a safe and quiet space.

Sun 12/24, 9:30am

4th Sunday of Advent — The Sunday of Love

“Shepherds” (Luke 2:8-20)

What does the love of Christ compel us to do? Go and see? Go and tell?

Sun 12/24, 7:00pm

CHRISTMAS EVE — Lessons, Carols and Candles

Telling the whole story from the prophecy to the Word made flesh.

Sun 12/31, 9:30am

First Sunday of Christmas

Hymn Sing! Come and choose your favorites and we'll all sing along.

Sun 1/7/24, 9:30am

Epiphany and Communion

Lifeline Screening at Rinn **January 8, 2024**

Did you know 80% of strokes are preventable according to the American Heart Association?

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

Life Line Screening will be at Rinn United Methodist Church on **Monday, January 8, 2024** and are offering a special price for our members. Learn more and schedule your appointment by calling **1-844-591-7160**, **texting** the word **circle** to **216-279-1607** or visit Life Line Screening's website at <https://llsa.social/HC>

There is no time like the present to take action!

Ladies Lunch

**Let the United Women of Faith(UMW)
'Treat you to Lunch!**



WHEN: DECEMBER 9, 2023 AT 11:00AM

WHERE: Pepper Pod

[530 Fir Street,](#)
[Hudson, CO 80642](#)

off of Hwy 52 and I-76

WHO: ALL LADIES ARE INVITED!
(SIGN UP SHEET IN THE NARTHEX)

Refreshments for after Worship sign-up

- December 3rd: Barb Abney
- December 10th: Toni Dellow

- December 17th: Cathy and Dave Billings
- December 24th: Bachmann's
- December 31st: Patty Wilson
- January 7th: Ruth Fuss
- January 14th: Mary Stoothoff
- January 21st: Paula Clapp
- January 28th: Patty Wilson

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)

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.

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Via Mobility for Life

Providing rides for residents:
Seniors 60+, disabled, and income qualified.

Dacono, Frederick & Firestone
303-444-3043

Cowboy Fellowship

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Rinn

A Country Christmas

(The traditional messages and songs you know and love.)

Wednesday 12/6, 7pm

**Barry Ward returns with his heartfelt stories & songs from middle America.
A perfect start to the Christmas season!**

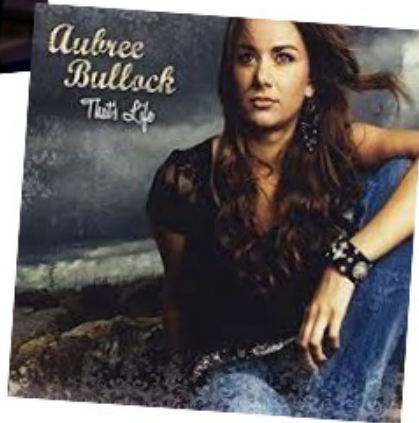


Wednesday, 12/13, 7pm

**An hour of uplifting 4-part harmony
by the popular New Life Quartet.**

Wednesday, 12/20, 7pm

**Nashville recording artist,
Aubree Bullock/Neeper
singing Christmas favorites
with a message by Mike Shaw.**



3783 Bella Rosa Parkway, Frederick

(Refreshments provided)

love offering for musicians gratefully accepted

December Birthdays

1 Brian Cheek
2 Cody Johnson
8 Claire Cassell
9 Janice Hunt
13 Gene Creech
15 Addison Mann
15 Russ Fox
20 Marsha Wood
22 Selma Van Dyke
22 Charlie Baum
26 Charlene Russell
27 Marge Hartman
27 Mary Stoothoff
29 Roy Clark

Happy Anniversary to:

4 Alvin & Helen Underhill-Woznick (2021)

In Our Prayers

- For Bryce Knowlton, for recovery and peace within himself.
- Terry Murray: is still recovering from his stroke.
- Prayers for Patty Wilson's Family as Chantelle is being sent to Longmont Cancer Center for further evaluation and tests after her CAT scan and EKG.
- Prayers for the Ralph Parkin and family. Ralph had a heart attack and has pneumonia in both lungs.
- Prayers for peace for our world, and for all the families, all over the world, who have lost loved ones to the violence and madness of war.
- Prayers: for Continued healing through treatment for Sharon, Scott(to get his appetite back) and Karen and all cancer patients.
- Prayers: for Barry's daughter
- Prayers: for Lin and Brian's Daughter
- Prayers: of thanks for Cody and all his hard work.
- Prayers: of thanks for wonderful music and all those who fill in when needed.
- Prayers: for safe travels for our snowbirds and those coming from or going on vacation.
- Prayers: for Kay Marsh Family with the passing of Rich Marsh
- Prayers: for healing for Yvonne in South Africa.
- Prayers: for reconciliation of fractured families
- Prayers: for meaningful work
- Prayers: for Erin fighting breast cancer
- Prayers: for all those dealing with A-Fib and RSV — for sound hearts and good breathing!

- Prayers: for Lucas Watts so he can recover from his injuries. he is a young police officer who was shot in South Carolina and who has a baby about 7 weeks old.
- Prayers: Mary Stambaugh's Daughter Marti for recovery from stomach surgery on Tuesday.
- Prayers: for Andrea for guidance
- Prayers: for Vern and his breathing
- Prayers: Lisa Johnson's daughter Ashton stage 3 Lime Disease, may she draw closer to God.

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

Our adult class is studying translations of the New Testament.
Please join us for engaging conversation this Sunday!
All are welcome!

If you see someone who no longer needs to be on this list, please let us know.

Weekly Activity Schedule

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

Friday 12/1

7:00pm A.A. in Fellowship Hall

Saturday 12/2

10:00am Craft Fair at Rinn UMC

Sunday 12/3

8:00am Adult Bible Study

8:15am Men's Koffee Klub

9:30am Worship Service

Wednesday 12/6

8:45am Breakfast Fellowship at Maggie's

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

7:00p Cowboy Christian Fellowship at Rinn

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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