

# Rinn Newsletter 2/19/26-2/25/26

## From the Minister's Mac

### “Worship”

While Brian and I were in California visiting my brother, we worshipped at Rolling Hills UMC (RHUMC), where many of our friends attend. I like worshipping at other churches and seeing how they do things and I thought you might enjoy hearing about a style of worship a little different from ours.

One thing very different at RHUMC is that they no longer pass the offering plate during worship. They have an offertory, which provides time for folks to do their giving online, but no plates were passed. I wondered if this is the future of Offering Time in worship, as more and more people get used to electronic giving. I know some churches give out slips of paper that read, “I give electronically,” just so folks have something to put in the plate as it goes by. It occurred to me that there are people who are so strapped financially that the offering plate becomes a painful reminder that they have nothing to give. How do we keep our gift-giving from becoming a point of division or a source of pain?

At RHUMC, the pastor did not ask for joys or concerns, although he did read many of them from a list before beginning the pastoral prayer. It felt a bit impersonal, but probably saved time. I have handled joys and concerns in different ways at different churches, with the worship team fielding comments that the prayer requests go on too long, or that they get too detailed with people's problems, or that it is the same five people who always have prayer requests, or that we shouldn't be praying for someone's brother's friend's aunt's sister's coworker. I like how we do prayer requests at Rinn and notice many of you take notes while joys and concerns are being shared. What a blessing to be in a congregation of pray-ers.

Of particular note at RHUMC, there was a time of silent prayer during the service. It was in the bulletin and I was grateful for it, especially that weekend. We arrived at that point in the service and I took a deep breath, relaxed my shoulders, bowed my head and began my silent prayer: “Thank you, gracious God, for bringing us safely to this place. I ask that you be with my brother...” and before I could finish my request, the silent prayer time was over, which is precisely the problem with “A Time of Silent Prayer.” Thirty seconds is not enough time for some folks and is way too long for others.

The same can be said for the time of “Passing the Peace of Christ.” When the pastor invited the good folks at RHUMC to turn and greet their neighbor, they did exactly that. Everyone turned to a neighbor, said hello and introduced themselves. And that was it. While the task-oriented part of me liked the efficiency of it,

my overall opinion was that it felt impersonal, like the joys and concerns. But where do you find the happy medium? Do we encourage a little small talk? Do we draw a line at crossing the aisle? How do we create a “Welcome and Friendship Time” that allows us to greet one another warmly and personally without becoming a distraction unto itself?

Perhaps most surprising is that there was no slide show, no screen, no flat screen TV that so many churches use these days to project the words to hymns and liturgical responses so the faithful may enjoy hands-free worship. They still have bulletins but modern media is almost completely absent. The service is recorded but not live-streamed, which means the homebound can still watch the service later in the day, but cannot be part of the morning congregation.

I know what I like in worship, but I recognize that what I like might not be what everyone else likes. My own husband prefers a contemporary worship service that is mostly praise music and message with not a lot of anything else. I prefer a more traditional worship service, but with a mixture of music styles ranging from organ to banjo to bagpipes.

Maybe it's simply a matter of what you're used to. All I know is that it felt good to be back at Rinn, worshipping with our faith family in our familiar and friendly way. Brian and I love you all so much and look forward to another year of worship and fun together.

See you in church,  
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**And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.’” Luke 4:8**

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## Refreshments After Worship

February 22-Janice Henderson  
March 1-Sue Oliver & Linda Rinn  
March 8-Aleta & Val  
March 15-Kermit  
March 22-Paula Clapp



\*\*\*The sign-up board is in the narthex at the welcome table. **Note that you don't need to provide a full spread that can double as brunch for everyone in the church; some cookies, along with one or two options for those trying to cut down on sweets, is sufficient.**

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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## **This Week at Rinn**

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

### **Wednesday 2/25**

9:00am Brunch Bunch Breakfast at Doug's Diner

10:30am Bible Study at Bev Ramsey's House

7:00pm Cowboy Fellowship

### **Thursday 2/26**

7:00pm Movie Night at Rinn

### **Friday 2/27**

7:00pm New Hope AA

### **Sunday 3/1**

8:00am Adult Bible Study

8:15am Men's Koffee Klub

9:30am Worship Service

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## **~ Rinn Worship Service ~**

**In Person and Livestreamed on Facebook**

**February 22, 2026 ~ 9:30am**

Scripture & Message

**February 22, 2026**

**Matthew 4:1-11**

**"Resistance"**

Livestreamed on Facebook:

To access our Facebook page, click [HERE](#).

To follow along with the service, the Order of Worship is  
on the church [website](#)

## **OUR LENTEN AND EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE AT RINN**

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP DURING LENT:**

- 2/22 Matthew 4:1-11** How do we stand up to temptation? Does God lead us into it or out of it, or both? Special Music by Scott Anderson and Rinn Choir.
- 3/1 John 3:1-17** Do we have trouble understanding the lessons of Jesus? How much can we relate to the confusion of Nicodemus?
- 3/8 John 4:5-42** Jesus offers a new concept of bread and water, and a new kind of life! Special Music by Closer Walk.
- 3/15 John 9:1-41** Would we witness about Jesus if we knew we would be run out of town, like the blind man? Special Music by Blaine Lee on Bagpipes.
- 3/22 John 11:1-45** Transformative faith calls us to join Martha's confession and proclaim, "Yes, Lord, I believe!" Special Music by Rinn Choir
- 3/29 Matthew 21:1-11** **PALM SUNDAY!** Jesus enters Jerusalem and many wonder who Jesus is. Special Music by Rinn Choir.

**4/1 MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE — 7PM: John 13:1-16, 31b-35**  
Tonight, we take on the role Jesus told us to fill — that of a servant — by washing one another's feet or hands. No communion will be served at this service.  
Special Music: by Shelly Anderson, Janice Bachmann and Rhonda Ritter

**4/2 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE — 7PM**  
"At the Foot of the Cross" — A Drama for Good Friday by Rev. Lin Cheek  
As events unfold after Jesus' arrest, his mother Mary, Mary Magdalene and Joseph of Arimathea try to comfort one another. The service includes special music and Scripture.

**4/5 EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE — 6:30 AM: Colossians 3:1-4**  
Focus: Remember, you have died in Christ and are raised with Christ.  
Hallelujah!!  
Special Music: by Shelly Anderson

**POTLUCK BREAKFAST BETWEEN THE TWO SERVICES,  
BEGINNING AT 7:30 AM**

**TRADITIONAL EASTER SERVICE — 9:30 am: John 20:1-18**  
Focus: How do we respond to transformation? Do we leave? Believe? Proclaim? Or all of the above? Communion will be served at this service.  
Special Music: by Rinn Choir and Scott Anderson

# **MONDAY NIGHT LENTEN STUDY**

## **A Four-Week Study via Zoom**

### **“GIFTED & TALENTED:**

### **Discover and Use Your Spiritual Gifts”**

**3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23 at 7:00 PM**

Using Rev. Jeremy Scott’s book, “Gifted & Talented: Discover and Use Your Spiritual Gifts,” we will explore using the gifts we know we possess and developing gifts we might not have discovered yet! This study is based on Scripture and includes an AI Gifts Assessment of your Spiritual Gifts. See Rev. Lin to sign up and get a book.

**3/2** Lenten Study Week One — You have a part to play!

In Romans 12:1-13, Paul encourages believers to use their gifts. He also warns, “don’t think of yourself more highly than you ought,” but Rev. Scott suggests, “our modern problem is often the opposite: we think too little of ourselves and our gifts. We are all gifted. The first step is to recognize and name those gifts.”

**3/9** Lenten Study Week Two — The Speaking Gifts

In 1 Corinthians 14:1-12, Paul is providing space and opportunity for people to grow and share their gifts. This week, we explore the gifts of Prophecy, Teaching, and Exhorting and Look at practical ways we build up, clarify, and challenge one another in daily life.

**3/16** Lenten Study Week Three — The Action Gifts

In the Gospel of John, Chapter 13:12-20, Jesus demonstrates the power of servant Leadership. This week we explore the gifts of Serving, Giving and Leading, and discuss how they are expressed through simple kindness, practical generosity, and servant-hearted Influence.

**3/23** Lenten Study Week Four — The Heart and the How

In the Gospel of John, Chapter 8:1-11, Jesus stops a stoning and, perhaps more miraculously for his time, does not condemn the woman awaiting her fate. This week, we explore the core gift of Mercy as the choice for reconciliation over retribution, and to synthesize the entire book’s content into a practical, actionable plan for living out our gifts in every area of life.



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# Update on Noah's Community Outreach

## DATE CHANGE!!!

Backpack stuffing is now planned for **Saturday, March 7, at noon.** Come on to Justin's place! Justin will cook a main dish, please bring sides if you want to. We will eat together and then make quick work of the Backpacks.

Betsy

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## “Brunch Bunch” Bible Study

**Wednesdays**

Breakfast at Doug's Diner( hwy 66) 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.



## Movie Night at Rinn

Please join us every 2nd and 4th  
Thursday of each Month at 7:00pm.  
The next movie night is February 26th.

If you have any questions,  
Please contact Shelly Anderson.

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## Adult Bible Study

**Sundays at 8:00 am**

We are currently studying Adam Hamilton's Making Sense of the Bible and Karen Armstrong's A History of God. Please join us for engaging conversations each Sunday. All are welcome!

# **Cowboy Fellowship 7:00pm Wednesday Night's at Rinn UMC**



**Eddie Kendrick**  
**February 25, 1016**

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## **Colorado Front Range District Gathering 2026**

### **February 28, 2026**

Please join us for the annual Colorado Front Range District Gathering on Saturday February 28, 2026 from 8:30am-3:00pm.

Broomfield United Methodist Church  
545 W 10th Ave  
Broomfield, CO 80020



**GOD'S KALEIDOSCOPE**

[Registration is OPEN!!!](#)

Go to link for more information.

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## **In Our Prayers**

### **COMFORT**

- For those affected by the fires in Northeast CO.
- For those in war torn areas, and for those experiencing violence on their streets, particularly in Minnesota.
- Travel mercies for Bethany and all those on the road in this cold weather.
- For Diana Murray after her losses.

### **HEALING**

- For Wayne's Aunt Linda. She was doing better but now is not. Prayers for her, for the family and for the hospice team.
- Healing prayers for Jenny and Rusty's niece April, who has cancer.
- For Rev. Lin's Brother who had his foot amputated, and for all who are dealing with diabetes.
- For Amber and Jeff as Amber recovers from successful spinal surgery.
- Aleta's brother who was diagnosed with cancer, and all those suffering from cancer .
- Patty, who fell and needs an MRI.
- For Annie's son Matthew who had a stroke and needs surgery.
- For Scott who is recovering from shingles.
- For Mike Shaw who is recovering after a fall.

### **THANKSGIVING**

- For Sue on the joy of her first great-great granddaughter.
- Bruce and Jan give thanks and are grateful for all the prayers for Amber and Jeff –Amber's surgery went well-recovery will take time.
- Ashley starts phlebotomy school this weekend.
- Mary gives thanks that son Chris found a home in Dacono.



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## **February Birthdays**

11 LaRissa Waneka  
13 Elaine Bolton  
14 Denise Stewart  
17 Lisa Johnson  
19 Scott Anderson  
19 Larry Thompson

20 Sharon Thompson  
22 Janice Henderson  
26 Salem Presnall  
28 Barb Abbott  
28 Warren Napier

## **Happy February Anniversary To...**

17 Glenn & Janice Bachmann (1979)

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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:

Chair of Church Council: Janice Bachman

Lay Leader: Bonnie Clark

United Methodist Women: Sharon Goldade

Treasurer: Sue Mercer

Finance Secretary: Steve Sterkel

Finance Chair: Janice Bachmann

Nominations: Rev. Lin Cheek

Worship Committee: Betsy Foushee

Office Manager: Julie Stirm

Audio/Visual Tech Chair: Wayne Vinson

SPR Chair: Janice Bachmann

Members: Eric Presnall, Linda Rinn,  
Scott Lawrence, Diana Murray, Dave Boyd,  
Mike Carr, Rusty Goetz