

A Note from the Office

We are going to be experimenting with doing the newsletter in some different ways in order to find a better program than Mailchimp. You do not have to do anything different—the newsletter should arrive in your email every week the way it always has. However, the newsletter may look a little bit different from week to week. Please feel free to give Suzanne feedback as we search for a new way to do things.

From The Minister's Mac

Wildfires

Most of you know I was born in Los Angeles. I grew up there, went to church there, graduated high school there, learned to surf, bowl, water ski, play volleyball, soccer, softball and disc golf in and around the City of Angels. I rode my bike from Palos Verdes to Malibu, from La Crescenta to the top of Mt. Wilson (where the TV station antennas reside), and of course, from my house to the beach numerous times.

I met my beloved there and together we lived within and throughout the Greater Los Angeles area, going to Dodger Stadium, dining in Malibu, enjoying the Griffith Park Observatory, visiting the Getty and Norton Simon museums, and of course, taking numerous strolls along the beach.

It is hard to see the devastation from the fires in my hometown, even as I recognize that many states have experienced ravaging fires and other natural disasters, including the state I now call home. It is hard to hear friends and family tell of the incredible loss being experienced, not just loss of home and possessions, but loss of income for so many who worked in the buildings that are no longer there. Unfortunately, we all know what it feels like to witness friends lose everything they own, battle with insurance companies, and begin the painstaking task of starting over.

It is easy to lose heart.

But as I watch the news, I see those crazy Angelinos feeding one another, helping one another, even caring for the pets of their neighbors. Churches and temples are opening their doors for evacuees and giving other

congregations a place to worship. I know we did the same here in Colorado when the fires and floods came our way, and that human-kindness gives me hope.

I give thanks for those who are battling these blazes, and pray that God keeps them safe, makes them strong, and brings them aid when they need it. I pray for all those who are playing a role in keeping the people of LA healthy and safe, from the EMTs in the ambulances to the hospital staff, from the Police Officers who guard the streets to the neighbors who look out for each other. I give thanks for the Coloradans going west to fight fires and give aid from the air. We are being our neighbor's keeper, and it gives me hope.

I pray you do not lose heart in the midst of the devastation that seems all too prevalent these days, and that you can find similar signs of hope all around you. God is still with us. God has provided us with caring communities. We are not alone. Share that hope with others!

See you in church,

Lin

*"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."
Galatians 6:2*

Thank You from Rev. Lin and Brian

Brian and I would like to thank the church for their generous and thoughtful Christmas gift. The bonus was much appreciated and put to good use on our vacation, along with all the gift cards we received. We had a wonderful Steak-cation! We love being at Rinn and tell everyone what a great church this is. I pray God continues to bless us all and grant us a healthy and happy 2025.

With much love and many thanks,

Lin

**All Church Celebration and Potluck on
2/2**

We will celebrate the lay leadership at Rinn, hand out the Faith Award, review our budget, have a white elephant gift exchange, and celebrate the ministries of the church. Be part of the fun. You can bring something for pot-luck based on the list below, or just come! There's always plenty of food. See you there.

A-H: Side Dish

I-R: Main Dish

S-Z: Dessert

White Elephant Spotted!

At our All-Church Celebration on February 2nd, we will have a White Elephant gift exchange for everyone, including children! So, in addition to your potluck item, please bring a gift that could not possibly find a home anywhere else. It should be inexpensive, unwanted, and fun. Please wrap your gift (creative wrapping is encouraged), and please — nothing inappropriate. If you forget your gift that day, don't worry, there will be extra gifts here so that everyone may participate, especially the kids. There will also be a twist in how the exchange is done, because we don't want to break commandment #8, for goodness sake. But we'll all have fun right at the end of the Celebration, when there is nothing left to do but share these out-of-left field gifts. Right? (Pssst... the end of this announcement is a clue to how we'll do the gift exchange!)

Camp Buckhorn Registration is Open

[Camp Buckhorn](#), the Methodist summer camp west of Fort Collins, is open for registration. If you have children, grandchildren, or other kids who are close to you who are entering the 3rd through 10th grades, it's a great experience and a lot of fun! The UMW offers scholarships to send the kids.

Talk to Sharon Goldade for more information.

Church Council Meeting Change

The Church Council meeting, formerly scheduled for tonight, January 16th, has been moved to next Thursday night, January 23rd, still at 7pm at Rinn. Please call Shelly Anderson with any questions.)

Collecting for the Backpack Ministry

Justin is once again collecting items for his backpack ministry to the homeless. If you find good deals on shirts, socks, and hygiene items, please pick them up and leave them in the box in the sanctuary.

Altar Flower Sign Up

Help keep Rinn looking beautiful! If you would like to bring flowers for the altar to honor a loved one or a special occasion or just to make the sanctuary a little bit nicer one Sunday, please sign-up on the sheet at the welcome table.

Refreshments After Worship

- January 19th: Sue Oliver and Linda Rinn
- January 26th: ???
- February 2nd: All Church Potluck

Those cookies and cupcakes and other snacks don't just appear in the Fellowship Hall by themselves! Please consider signing up for a date. The sign-up board will be in the narthex either at the welcome table or the podium. 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)

If you sign up to help, here are some guidelines:

- 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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~ **Rinn Worship Service** ~

In Person and Livestreamed on Facebook

January 19, 2025

Scripture

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Message

“Gift Giving”

Livestreamed on Facebook:

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

To follow along with the service, the Order of Worship is [HERE](#).

“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.

Sooper's Card 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?

Please consider signing up! Every little bit helps!

Adult Bible Study

Sundays at 8:00 am

We are currently studying Adam Hamilton's *Making Sense of the Bible*. Please join us for engaging conversations each Sunday. All are welcome!

Via Mobility for Life

Providing rides for residents:

Seniors 60+, disabled, and income qualified.

Dacono, Frederick & Firestone

303-444-3043

Cowboy Christian Fellowship

Wednesday Nights at 7:00pm

Jody and Kathy Nelson

1/15/2025

In Our Prayers

COMFORT

- The victims of the terrorist attacks in New Orleans and Las Vegas.
- Those affected by the fires in Los Angeles.
- Those still struggling in North Carolina after the hurricane.
- Jimmy Carter's family, as they mourn his passing.
- The Nelson family, and all those who mourn.
- Wayne's Aunt Linda, as she transitions to assisted living.
- The Holland family, as they deal with the trial and sentencing of the drunk driver who killed their son.
- Mike's neighbor, who lost her son.
- All those struggling with depression.
- Denise, as she deals with her sister's terminal illness from long-distance.
- Terry Johnson and family after the death of his father, Don.
- Nancy, who has lost friends to cancer and to suicide.
- Annie, after the death of her brother.

HEALING

- Janice Henderson, who's home following heart surgery but still needs prayers.
- Prayers for all those who have had surgery and are recovering: Sue, Linda, Dan, Denise, Bethany.
- Prayers for Vi as she recovers at home from her hospital stay.
- Rae Ann's sister-in-law as she moves into rehab.
- Debby Perry as she battles cancer.
- For those fighting cancer. May God take cancer out of this world completely!
- Denise's sister Brenda, in the ICU with renal failure.
- Carolanne Allen, who grew up at Rinn, was diagnosed with Lupus & Sjoren's Syndrome. Pray for her physical and emotional wellbeing.
- For all those in the congregation who are ill.
- Suzanne's friend Sarah's father, who has had a series of small strokes.

THANKSGIVING

- For the support that this church gave Sue, Linda, and Julie, while recovering from surgery.
- All those who have visited Debby and brought her and Dan food (they have enough food for now!)
- Justin's ministry for the unhoused and all who support it.
- Paula's son's survival after a car accident.
- Scott, for what his doctors are calling a miraculous recovery from cancer!

- Denise's return to church after surgery.
- For Suzanne's sister-in-law Carolyn having no malignant cells.
- For all successful surgeries

If anyone needs to be taken off or added to this list please fill out the form on the back of this sheet, or [email the church office](#).

January Birthdays

4 Lynne Diaz
 8 Daniel Smith
 11 Dan Smith
 13 Janice Bachmann
 14 Myrna Gould
 16 Michelle Sterkel
 19 Samuel Goetze
 21 Rusty Goetze
 21 Sue Oliver
 23 Paula Clapp
 24 Dan Perry
 25 Jan Nelson
 26 Brendan Stewart
 28 Beverly Ramsey

Happy Anniversary To...

21 Ron & Eileen Hinkle (1962)
 29 Wayne Vinson & Suzanne Gallagher (2011)

This Week at Rinn

Thursday 1/16

7:00pm Admin Council Meeting CANCELLED. Moved to 1/23.

Friday 1/17

7:00pm New Hope AA in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday 1/19

8:00am Adult Bible Study
8:15am Men's Koffee Klub
9:30am Worship Service

Wednesday 1/22

8:45am Breakfast Fellowship at Maggie's
10:30a Wednesday Brunch Bunch Bible
Study at Bev Ramsey home
7:00pm Cowboy Fellowship

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: Shelly Anderson
Lay Leader: Bonnie Clark
United Methodist Women: Sharon Goldade
Treasurer: Sue Mercer
Finance Secretary: Steve Sterkel
Cowboy Fellowship: Mike Shaw
Nominations: Rev. Lin Cheek
Worship Committee: Betsy Foushee