

Rinn Newsletter 10//30-11/5/25

Have a Happy and Safe Halloween!

From the Minister's Mac

"An Elephant Never Forgets"

Do you remember the news story about the Sri Lanka Naval ship out in the middle of the Indian Ocean? In 2017, the men on the ship saw something in the water 10 miles offshore and went to investigate, thinking it was some kind of debris. When they got closer, they saw that it was not debris, it was moving, but they still couldn't determine what it was. Finally close enough for a good look, they saw it was an elephant, floating on its side, using its trunk for a snorkel and seeming very, very tired.

What was an elephant doing out in the middle of the Indian Ocean? Swimming, of course. And floating. Lost, certainly. Tired, definitely. The Navy team on that ship decided to help the struggling elephant. Some of the men jumped into the water to try to keep the elephant calm. The Naval ship radioed for help and soon another ship came with people from the Department of Wildlife to tie a rope around the elephant they affectionately named Jumbo. After several slow and careful hours, they managed to tow Jumbo to shore. The rescue was successful and all involved have a story to tell that they probably never could have imagined when they signed on for military duty.

When the captain of the ship was interviewed, he remarked that it was unusual for them to be in that area of the ocean. He said it was simply a matter of being in the right place at the right time. The interviewer suggested that they might have left Jumbo there, thinking they couldn't help him. The Captain said no, they never even considered leaving Jumbo. They all wanted to try to help him.

I imagine each of us has a story like that, where we were in the right place at the right time and managed to help someone who was struggling. Let's share those stories with one another, if only to remind ourselves that there is goodness in the world and we don't have to go all the way to Sri Lanka to find it!

See you in church,

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"For the Son of man came to seek out and save the lost." Luke 19:10

~ Rinn Worship Service ~

In Person and Livestreamed on Facebook

November 2, 2025 ~ 9:30am

Scripture

Luke 19:1-10

Message

"The View From the Cheap Seats"

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](#)

Potluck for Bill Smith's 90th Birthday!

Please join us on **Sunday Nov. 9th** after worship to celebrate Bill Smith's 90th Birthday! We will be having a potluck to celebrate. Cake will be furnished. Food assignments by the first letter of your last name:

A-H-Dessert
I-R-Side dish
S-Z-Main Dish

If you are not able to bring food—don't worry! We always have plenty. Come and enjoy food and friendship and help celebrate Bill!

Happy 90th Birthday!



**Daylight Savings
Time ends Sunday,
November 2, 2025
at 2:00am**

Movie Night at Rinn



Please join us for Movie Night at Rinn! We will meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday of each Month at 7:00pm. November will have one meeting on November 13, 2025. If you have any questions, Please contact Shelly Anderson.

Update on Noah's Community Outreach

"In worship last Sunday, we prayed over the filled backpacks, and asked God's blessings on those who will receive them. Please take a backpack (or more) and keep it in your vehicle to distribute when you see someone in need. Justin will soon begin distributing them in larger numbers as the weather turns colder. The backpacks with scarves on them contain women's clothes; those without scarves contain men's clothes.

Looking forward - for remaining backpacks, we need:

- *toothpaste
- *toothbrushes
- *gloves for men
- *boxers for men
- *and - backpacks! If you go to thrift stores, take a look. Last year ALL our backpacks came from thrift stores, and we need to re-stock



We will also be part of the downtown Denver Thanksgiving dinner event on **Saturday, November 8.** If you want to volunteer, convoy leaves Justin's house at 10 am and will return about 2 or 3 pm. If you want to donate food, please drop it off at Justin's by 9:45 am. Justin will be cooking turkey breasts; desserts are needed.

Thanks so much to all who donate, stuff, carry, and pray over this project. We also really appreciate the grant funding from Rinn UMC that helps move this project forward. Justin estimates we will be able to distribute about 75 backpacks this year!

Betsy

bfoushee@hotmail.com

757-423-3332 cell and text

“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.

Rinn Cowboy Christian Fellowship

Wednesday Nights at 7:00pm

November 5th:

Bill's Birthday celebration. Music will feature Bill Smith with the ragged old flag and a couple singers from Harmonia including Shelly and Rachel.



Refreshments After Worship

- November 2-Sue & Linda
- November 9-Potluck
- November 16-Karen & Terry
- November 23
- November 30th



Those cookies, cupcakes and other snacks don't appear in the Fellowship Hall by themselves! Please consider signing up for a date. 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)

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 **or** cheese **or** 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.
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In Our Prayers

COMFORT

- Wayne's Aunt Linda, who is approaching the end. May it be swift and gentle.
- The family of Wayne and Marsha's friend Suzanne, who passed away recently.
- For Michelle's friend who lost their baby in pregnancy.
- For all who are grieving.
- For those affected by floods and fires.
- For those in war torn areas.
- Travel mercies for those on the road
- For those who will lose snap benefits

HEALING

- For Rob who has throat cancer and prayers that God will take cancer out of this world completely.
- For Janice's daughter-in-law Sue, a double lung transplant recipient having other health troubles.
- Healing prayers for Justin's Mom Janet, who has a spot on her lung. Prayers also for comfort and strength for the family.
- Margaret's brother-in-law Rick, who has cancer
- Steve and Michelle's neighbor Rocky, who had a massive heart attack.
- Wayne and Marsha's friend, who has stage 4 cancer.
- Wayne and Marsha's friend Marge, who has a lung infection.
- Barb, who is in the hospital with multiple issues.
- For Wayne's father who has vertigo.
- For Elaine, who fell.
- For Hunter.
- For Annie and her digestive issues
- For Chuck who has a brain bleed
- For Rob who is battling throat cancer.

THANKSGIVING

- Terry gives thanks that Shane's heart surgery was successful.
- For reconciliation with family.
- Diana thanks the church for all their love and support during her time of grief.
- Barry thanks the church and the UWF for the wonderful memorial given for Jessica, and thanks to all who prayed for her.
- Ginny gives thanks for Mike being home now and that Grayson is doing better and will be coming home.
- Ashley give thanks for her new job!
- Salem is driving now!
- Brendan has been hired as accompanist! He will start training on November 2, 2025.

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 at Info@rinnumc.org.

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!

Via Mobility for Life

Providing rides for residents:

Seniors 60+, disabled, and income qualified.

Dacono, Frederick & Firestone

303-444-3043

This Week at Rinn

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

Wednesday 11/5

8:45am Breakfast Fellowship at Doug's Diner(hwy 66)

10:30am Wednesday Brunch Bunch Bible

Study at Bev Ramsey home

7:00pm Cowboy Fellowship

Thursday 11/6

8:30am Quilting Retreat

Friday 11/7

8:30am Quilting Retreat

7:00pm New Hope AA

Saturday 11/8

8:30am Quilting Retreat

Sunday 11/9

8:00am Adult Bible Study

8:15am Men's Koffee Klub

9:30am Worship Service

11:00am Potluck

November Birthdays



3 John Martin	11 Mary Ann Barnes
4 Rev. Lin Cheek	14 Michaela Boisen
4 Katleyn Addy	18 Mike Abney
6 Tim Kemnetz	18 Cathy Billings
7 Colin Peterson	18 Suzanne Gallagher
8 Renee Peterson	21 Sharon Goldade
8 David Grabowski	21 Mitch Hollingsworth
10 Bill Smith	29 Sheila Legler

Happy November Anniversary To...

3 Jim & Jan Nelson (1968)
18 Dan & Aleta Purcell (1978)
27 Larry & Sharon Thompson

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
Nominations: Rev. Lin Cheek
Worship Committee: Betsy Foushee
Members: Janice Bachman, Eric Presnall, Rusty Goetz, Linda Rinn