

Rinn Newsletter 12/23/25-1/07/26

From the Minister's Mac

“Blessing for Christmas Week”

If we are the Magi
we are not there yet.
We have miles to go before we reach our destination.
We have packing to do to prepare for the journey.
Or perhaps unpacking to do
for a lighter load.

We are following the light
but it is distant and at times,
hard to see.

If we are the Shepherds
we are almost there!
We can see the outline of figures
huddled around the manger
and we can't wait to be part of that crowd!

We have overcome our fear
as we approach the infant who will change our lives
and our conversation.

If we are Mary and Joseph
we are actively involved in the miracle.
We are fully present.
We are painfully present.
We may even be alone
until others arrive.

We know we have been chosen by God
to be part of the change God is birthing in the world.

May God be with you this week and beyond,
wherever you are in your journey to the Christ Child,

however you get there,
whenever you arrive.
May you know that God is with you on your journey,
you Magi,
you Shepherds,
you Holy Family of faith.
God is with you now
and always!
Amen.

Have a very blessed Christmas!
Lin

**“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened,
and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”**

Joshua 1:9

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS HAPPENINGS

Although we feel like Advent is almost gone — and it is! — there’s still a lot of
celebrating to do before, during, and after Christmas:

Wednesday 12/24, 7pm service —Lessons, Carols, Candles and a variety of music

Sunday 12/28, 9:30am service —Short message and Hymn Sing

Sunday 1/4, 9:30am service —Epiphany! Our last Sunday of the Christmas season

**Sunday 1/25, after worship —All Church Celebration — a little business, a
lot of fun, and the burning of the mortgage!**

~ Rinn Worship Service ~

In Person and Livestreamed on Facebook

December 24, 2025 ~ 7:00pm

December 28, 2025 ~ 9:30am

January 4, 2026 ~ 9:30am

Scripture & Message

December 24

Lessons, Carols, and Candles

December 28

Isaiah 63:7-9/John 1:14-18

"Grace Upon Grace."

January 4th

Isaiah 60:1-6

"Nations and Kings"

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](#)

Update on Noah's Community Outreach

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.

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

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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.

Holiday Church Office Hours

The office will be closed December 24th, 25th, 30th, 31st and January 1st for the Christmas Holiday. There will not be a newsletter the week of December 30th. Thank you for this time off and have a blessed Holiday Season!

Refreshments After Worship

December 28th-Paula Clapp

January 4th-Terry & Karen

January 11th

January 18th

January 25th-Potluck-All Church Celebration

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)



This Week at Rinn

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

Wednesday 12/24

7:00pm Christmas Eve Service

Thursday 12/25

Merry Christmas!

Friday 12/26

7:00pm New Hope AA

Sunday 12/28

8:00am Adult Bible Study

8:15am Men's Koffee Klub

9:30am Worship Service

Can You Help Donate to Carbon Valley Help Center?



We are still asking for your support for Carbon Valley Help Center by bringing anything non-perishable. Here are suggestions from the Help Center. Pasta, Rice, Tomato Products, Peanut Butter, Canned Meats, Canned Vegetables and



Fruits, Dry or Canned Beans, Cereal, Mac & Cheese, Canned Soup. Please place items in the black bin in the narthex. Thank you so much for your help!

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. January 8th and January 22nd 2026. If you have any questions, Please contact Shelly Anderson.

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!

In Our Prayers

COMFORT

- For all who are grieving.
- For those affected by floods and fires.
- For those in war torn areas.
- for all those awaiting surgery and healing for those recovering from surgery.
- Travel mercies for Rae all on the road over the holidays.
- For Annie prayers for her and her family on the passing of her sister.
- Brian asks prayers of healing and comfort for his son Tony, who is undergoing tests.

HEALING

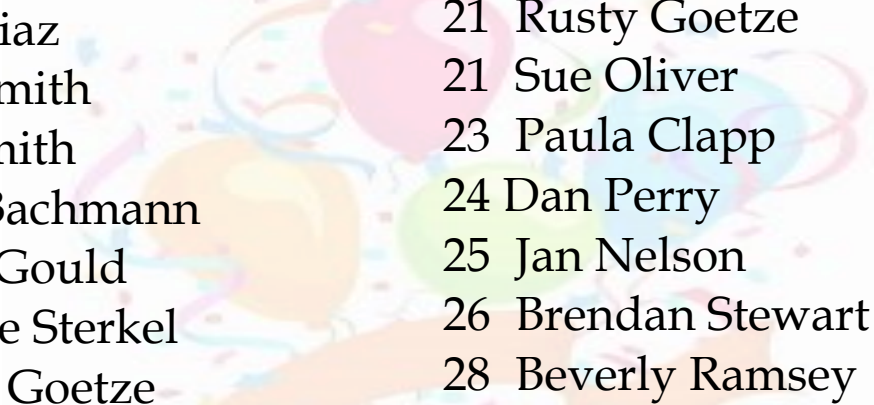
- Healing for fractured families.
- Healing and comfort for all those awaiting results from tests.
- Healing for Rusty's sister, who was in a bicycle accident.
- Kaye asks for prayers of healing for her daughter who is having back surgery.
- Linda asks prayers of healing for Terry's mom, who fell and fractured her pelvis.
- Elizabeth asks prayers for children in our community whose family lives are not the best, as they face their winter break. We pray they are safe, fed, and feel loved.
- Paula asks prayers for her sister who has pancreatic cancer, and pray that God takes cancer out of this world altogether.

THANKSGIVING

- Thanks for those who provide care for and work at homes for the elderly.
- Joy of new babies in our families.
- Prayers of thanksgiving for continued sobriety for those in our community who are working that out every day.
- We give thanks for healing that has taken place for Vi, who is home recovering from surgery after a fall, and for Denise and Michelle who were both in church after their surgeries.
- Thanksgiving for seeing Annie again.
- Marsha gives thanks to the choir for the beautiful music and to Rhonda for leading the choir.
- Scott gives thanks for the healing that is already happening for his rash!
- Betsy brings greetings from Anneke who says hello to everyone.
- Thanks for all the Kids Hope volunteers.
- Patsy gives thanks for Ruthie, her first great-grandchild and a new generation in the family.
- Kermit gives thanks for the men in his rehab group for whom rehab is proving successful. We also offer thanks for people like Kermit who work with those struggling to overcome their addictions.
- Annie gives thanks for answered prayer regarding her living situation.
- Lin and Brian give thanks for God's blessing of Ashley's hard work on her sobriety and path to wellness. We also thank this loving and responsive church who, when they heard Sunday that Ashley needed a good mechanic, gave us a number which led to her car being fixed the same day!

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.

January Birthdays



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

December Birthdays

26 Charlene Russell
27 Mary Stoothoff
31 Dave Boyd

Happy January Anniversary To...

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

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