

[December](#) 1, 2024 Newsletter



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### **From the Minister's Mac**

#### **Giving Thanks**

One of the things I appreciate most in a friend is a good sense of humor. We can be serious when we need to, but we do not take ourselves too seriously. What a blessing that can be! So, here are some Thanksgiving jokes you can share this Thanksgiving with your family and friends, or just chuckle over yourself as you enjoy a quiet break before the Christmas holiday season begins:

- “Thanksgiving is an emotional holiday. People travel thousands of miles to be with those they only see once a year. And then discover once a year is way too often.” Late-night talk show host Johnny Carson
- “I come from a family where gravy is considered a beverage.” Humorist Erma Bombeck
  - Q: Can a turkey jump higher than the Empire State Building?  
A: Of course! A building can’t jump at all.
  - Q: Why didn’t the cook bother to season the Thanksgiving turkey?  
A: She didn’t have thyme!
- We’ll worry about the Christmas tree later. On Thanksgiving, it’s all about the poultry.
- No more Thanksgiving puns. I am quitting cold turkey.
- Black Friday: When people trample others for more merchandise the day after being thankful for what they already have.
  - Q: What comes at the end of Thanksgiving?  
A: The letter “g”!
- “An optimist is a person who starts a new diet on Thanksgiving Day.” Irv Kupcinet, Chicago Sun-Times columnist

And just to prove that I can be serious when I need to, I want to leave you with one of my favorite quotes, not just for Thanksgiving, but for every day: “Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.” William Arthur Ward, Methodist and motivational writer.

I am grateful for each and every one of you and will count you first among my many blessings this Thanksgiving!

See you in church,  
Lin

**“I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving.”  
Psalm 69:30**

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**A Very Special Sunday Service**  
**December 15**

This holiday season, we will be blessed to experience a musical gem from the past with the choir's presentation of the rare and unique Christmas cantata, *The Prince of Peace*.

Composed in 1895 by the esteemed composer Emma Louise Ashford, this timeless piece is set to enchant audiences with its rich history and beautiful harmonies.

Despite its historical significance and past acclaim, *The Prince of Peace* has no existing recordings today, making this performance a rare treat for music lovers and history enthusiasts alike. Anneke discovered the music for it tucked away on a back shelf in a closet in the church's choral library. She says, "When I played through the score I couldn't help but be charmed by it," describing it as a "lovely little sacred operetta in a classical European style, but some elements are distinctly American."

E. L. Ashford, a child prodigy who became an internationally known classical composer of the late Romantic era, wrote between 600 and 700 works including hymns, anthems, song cycles, and hundreds of organ pieces. The Prince of Peace was among her early works, written in 1895 at the encouragement of Edmund S. Lorenz, who had recently founded Lorenz Publishing Company (now Lorenz Corporation). Ashford's contributions as an editor, arranger and composer played a key role in the company's success over the next 36 years. This, her first cantata, was evidently popular, as its copyright was renewed in 1923, and it was later published in a version for three parts in 1940.

This cantata has a history at Rinn, though it hasn't been performed here since 1948.

When the music was handed out to the choir, several singers discovered printed bulletins inside their folios, left there from the 1948 performance—and it turns out that Helen Anderson, Scott and Shelly's grandmother, was the soprano soloist back then! Scott and Shelly will be doing homage to their grandmother when they sing their own solos this year.

Mark your calendars and be sure to make it to church on Sunday, December 15, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of a living history experience and to enjoy the beautiful music of an era gone by!

If you're curious and want more information on the cantata and its composer, you can look at <https://reedorgans.wordpress.com/2016/08/31/emma-louise-ashford-1850-1930/> or [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emma\\_Louise\\_Ashford#cite\\_note-20](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emma_Louise_Ashford#cite_note-20).

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**Beware Email Scammers Targeting Rinn!**

Dear friends,

No, my email was not hacked yesterday, and no, I did not send out an email asking for gift cards. Unfortunately, the scammers have gotten so good at developing fake emails that they look legitimate. The one that went around yesterday even had my picture attached and the email address included Rinn UMC in it. But I did not send it; it was not my email address; it was a scam. Friends, the only way to stop this is to delete the email without answering it.

When you open an email that looks like it is from me and it says, "I have an urgent/confidential/sensitive matter to discuss with you. Can you give me a call when you have a minute," you should delete it immediately. I will never send you an email about something urgent or confidential or sensitive and then ask you to call me: I would simply call you! So you know from the outset that this is a fake. Also, I will never send an email asking for gift cards! I do occasionally ask for more gift cards when we run low, but the request is made either in church, or via this weekly newsletter, not via a personal email from me, and the gift cards would always be physically delivered to the church, not sent electronically anywhere.

Be aware, this has happened before and it will continue happening. It is not a one-and-done kind of scam. So spread the word about not answering these emails! And if your generous heart just wants to be sure I don't need anything, call the church phone number, or use one of the email addresses printed on the front of the bulletin every day in order to double check, as so many of you did yesterday. Better safe than sorry.

Thanks for being such a caring church and remember to pray for those who feel the need to con others. They are more lost than even they know.

With much love,  
Lin

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**Feeding the Homeless for Thanksgiving**

Justin Presnall, with the aid of volunteers from this church, prepared a meal for the homeless on November 9. Thank you to everyone who brought food, cooked, and helped serve.





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**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.

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#### **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.

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#### **Lifeline Screening at Rinn**



Rinn will once again be hosting  
Lifeline Screening on **January 2, 2025**  
Life Line Screening is the nation's leader in stroke and  
cardiovascular disease risk screening.  
Call 888-814-0466 or

Click [here](#) to learn more about it and/or sign up for a time.

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**~ Rinn Worship Service ~**  
***(In-person and livestreamed on Facebook)***

**December 1 • 9:30 a.m.**

***Scripture***  
**Matthew 1:18-2:23**

***Message***

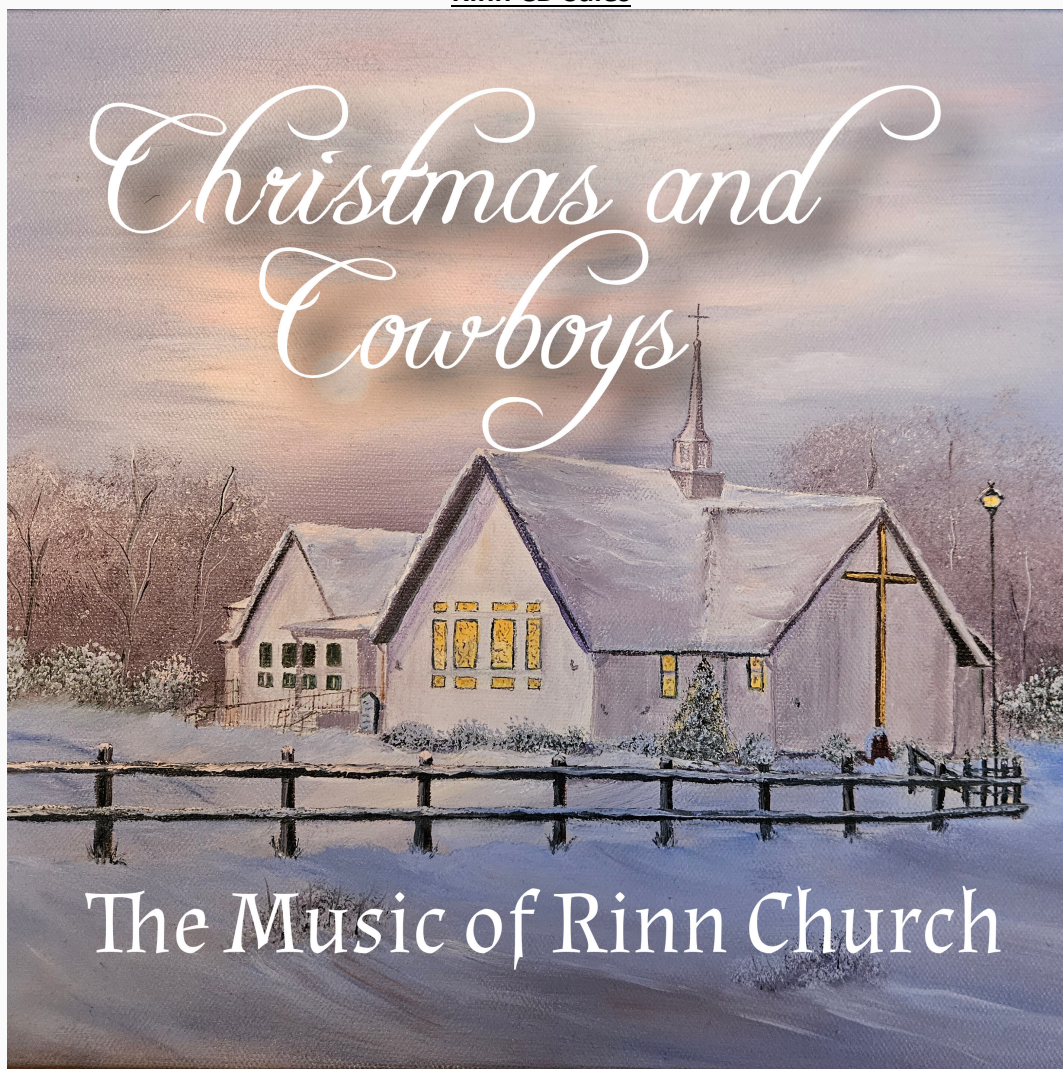
**“Christmas According to Matthew”**

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

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Rinn CD Sales



The Rinn CD, featuring the music from our church, is now on sale for \$15. Enjoy music from Scott, Shelly, Rae Ann and the choir whenever you want. CDs will be available in the front lobby after church, or talk to Wayne Vinson.

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**"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.

Call the office for location.

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### 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?  
Please consider signing up! Every little bit helps!

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### UMW Craft Fair December 7, 2024, 10am-4pm



The women of the UMW will be hosting their annual gift, craft, and bake sale on Saturday, December 7. We have a lot of exciting vendors this year, including many members of the church. We will also be having a luncheon with homemade soups and Christmas cookies, as well as a bake sale for those who didn't get enough of the cookies at lunch. We've heard from the North Pole, and they say that Santa is going to put in an appearance as well.

It's a great opportunity to do your Christmas shopping, eat some delicious food, and support the church at the same time, so mark you calendars and be sure to be there.

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**Cookiepalooza!**  
**December 21 9:00 a.m.-Noon**



Can't get enough Christmas cookies? Have the holiday baking fever? It's not too late! Join us in the Rinn fellowship hall and kitchen for decorating and baking some cookies. Dough, cookie cutters, and decorations will be provided. You bring the creative energy and we will bake up some Christmas fun! Please sign up on the 'COOKIE' list in the narthex, so we know how many bakers to expect and can provide enough dough and supplies. Please note: for best results, all adults should be accompanied by at least one child.

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

We are looking at Christian themes in contemporary novels. Our book is *"The Trial of Fallen Angels."*

Please join us for engaging conversation this Sunday!  
All are welcome!

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**In Our Prayers**  
**COMFORT**



- Annie, as she moves to a new place for a new adventure.
- For those who are feeling afraid or unsure in today's volatile political climate.
- For the family of Peggy Brown, who was at Rinn for a number of years, after Peggy passed away on the 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - For Betty and Cindy as Cindy's mother, Janet, has passed away.
    - For the Nelson family, and all those who mourn.
  - Wayne's Aunt Linda, as she transitions to assisted living.
- For the Holland family, as they deal with the trial and sentencing of the drunk driver who killed their son.

### **HEALING**

- Annie's son-in-law with kidney trouble, that he will find a kidney.
  - Sherry had a stroke and is in rehab now.
    - Jack has brain cancer.
  - Shelly's Friend who had leg amputation.
- Dan asks prayers for his brother John, who fell, and for John's wife.
- Janice Henderson, who is at LifeCare of Longmont following heart surgery.
- Prayers for all those who have had surgery and are recovering: Sue, Linda, Dave, Dan, Denise, Bethany.
  - Mike's friend, who is having shoulder surgery.
- Prayers for Vi as she recovers at home from her hospital stay.
- Mitch asks prayers for the Sharma family, on the death of his friend, Shivik Sharma.
  - All those suffering loss or injury from continuing wars.
    - Rae Ann's sister-in-law as she moves into rehab.
    - Debby Perry as she begins cancer treatment.
- For those fighting cancer. May God take cancer out of this world completely!
- Julie, who is having surgery on her shoulder on 11/20, her son Josh, who had surgery on his hand on 11/14, and her husband Eric who is caring for both.
- Sue's granddaughter Cori, waiting on results from a mass in her esophagus.

### **THANKSGIVING**

- For the support that this church gave Sue, Linda, Julie, and Patsy's husband Dave while recovering from surgery.
  - For Justin's ministry for the unhoused and all who support it.
    - For Paula's son's survival after a car accident.
    - For the opportunities Lisa has gotten at work.
- Paula's friend's husband, Dick, who finally got an appointment with a specialist who hopefully can help him with his seizures.
  - Rae Ann, for Joe coming home safely
    - Annie, for this church.
- Scott, for what his doctors are calling a miraculous recovery from cancer!
  - Ashley's son Tristan for a successful surgery and good recovery.

- Ashley, for being nine months sober.

If anyone needs to be taken off or added to this list please fill out the form in your Sunday bulletin or [email the church office](#).

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**Refreshments for after Worship sign-up**

- December 1st:
  - December 8th: Teena and Sue Oliver
- 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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***Via Mobility for Life***

Providing rides for residents:  
Seniors 60+, disabled, and income qualified.  
Dacono, Frederick & Firestone  
303-444-3043

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**Cowboy Fellowship at Rinn**

**Wednesday nights at 7pm**



**Aubree Bullock/Neeper**  
**12/4/2024**

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**December Birthdays**

- 1 Brian Cheek**
- 2 Cody Johnson**
- 9 Janice Hunt**
- 13 Gene Creech**
- 15 Addison Mann**
- 15 Russ Fox**
- 15 Patsy Schmidt**

17 Aleta Purcell  
20 Marsha Wood  
22 Selma Van Dyke  
22 Charlie Baum  
26 Charlene Russell  
27 Mary Stoothoff

**Happy Anniversary to:**  
**4 Alvin & Helen Underhill-Woznick (2021)**

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

**Friday 11/29**  
7:00pm New Hope AA

**Sunday 12/1**  
8:00am Adult Bible Study  
8:15am Men's Koffee Klub  
9:30am Worship Service

**Tuesday 12/3**  
1:00pm Knitter's Group

**Wednesday 12/4**  
8:45am Breakfast Fellowship at Maggie's  
10:30a Wednesday Brunch Bunch Bible  
Study at Bev Ramsey home  
7:00pm Cowboy Fellowship

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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.*

President: Shelly Anderson  
Lay Leader: Wayne Vinson  
Staff Parish Relations (Personnel): Bonnie Clark  
United Methodist Women: Sharon Goldade

Trustees: Rusty Goetze  
Chair of Finance: Linda Rinn  
Treasurer: Sue Mercer  
Finance Secretary: Steve Sterkel  
Cowboy Fellowship: Mike Shaw  
Nominations: Rev. Lin Cheek  
Worship Committee: Betsy Foushee



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