

Rinn Newsletter 3/27-4/2

A Note from the Office

I suspect you're getting tired of this note. The program we are currently using is working well and does 90% of what we need, but I'm still working on that last 10%. I still don't know if this will be the final form of the newsletter. Thank you for your patience as I figure it out.

From The Minister's Mac

Gifts and Grace Notes

If you were in church last Sunday, or watching online, you heard our Choir Director/Accompanist Anneke Toomey announce that she will be moving to Vermont this summer and won't be back in the fall. While we are happy that she will be near her ageing parents, her departure leaves a huge hole in our hearts and our music program. Over the next two months, I know she will hear from all of us how much her music has blessed us, how much she has added to our worship experience, and how much we will miss her.

But that is also good news! We will have Anneke for another 9 weeks! So, let's enjoy all that she has to offer in that time, savoring her gifts and graces each one of those Sundays. And there is further good news: We have until the end of summer to find a new Choir Director/Accompanist, because Betsy will be filling in during the summer months, as she does, contributing her gifts and graces to our worship and aiding those who want to provide special music during Sunday service.

While finding a new Choir Director/Accompanist sounds like a daunting task, Rinn has been through this before and it is not altogether unfamiliar to me, either. Six years ago, at another church, an equally beloved accompanist gave her notice to the church. We were happy for her that she was finally able to move into her dream job, but fear began to bubble up that we would never find another accompanist as talented, as wonderful, as dedicated... you know how that fear can become all-consuming.

So, we prayed. As a church, as families, on the prayer team, and independently, we prayed. We prayed for an easy transition to her new job for our friend who was leaving, and we prayed that God would send to us someone we could love as well. A few days after we started praying, before the search committee had met or even placed an ad, I received a phone call from a woman who was calling churches in the neighborhood, asking them to keep her in mind if a position for a church accompanist ever opened up. Turns out she was a choir director at a local high school and very talented, and wonderful, and dedicated...

It is not that Anneke is replaceable. She is not! Her vibrant personality and treasure trove of gifts and graces make her unique. She is not replaceable. But I know we will find someone who will lead the choir and make beautiful music to God. So, let's start praying for that right now. And to get us started, here is a prayer you may pray every day:

Gracious and loving God, our church is a family, united through the love of Jesus Christ, our savior. Through him we are all brothers and sisters, and for a time, Rinn UMC is our home. Like every human family, our church family is formed and reformed over time; as members are born, as they die, as members are adopted into our family, and as they leave our congregation for a new home, in a different place. For a time, Anneke has lived with us. We have shared with each other good times and bad, joys and sorrows, and we have lightened each other's heavy loads. Together we have laughed and cried, together we have worshiped and praised God, together we have lived. We pray for Anneke in this time of transition, that she is not overwhelmed by the logistics of a cross-country move, and that we may help her when and where she needs help. May she find in her new home good friends, happy times, a faithful church, and meaningful use for her immeasurable talents. Lord, we also ask that you send to us someone to lead our choir, play the hymns of our faith in worship, and nurture and accompany those who wish to use their musical talents for your glory. We trust in you, our Lord, who makes all things new, and whose word is trustworthy and true. We pray in the name of your son, our Lord, Jesus the Christ. Amen!

Let's keep praying this prayer — or one of your own choosing — until we hear God's clear answer.

See you in church!

Lin

“And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also, he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’” Revelation 21:5

Potluck!

March 30 is a fifth Sunday, and this month, we’ll have a special guest joining our potluck: Jennifer Moore, the missionary we sponsor in Macedonia. Food assignments by the first letter of your last name:

A-H: Main Dish

I-R: Dessert

S-Z: Side Dish

But if you can’t manage to make your assigned dish, just bring whatever—or just bring your fabulous self and enjoy the food and company. (“We don’t have nearly enough food,” said no one at a Methodist potluck, ever.)

Help Center and the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission.

Bowling Sunday

On April 6th, Sharon Goldade will be taking us all bowling! Hang around after church, and we’ll have a pizza lunch before heading to [Centennial Lanes in Longmont](#) for an afternoon of fun.

Sign up on the sheet on the table in the narthex so that Sharon knows how many people to expect.

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. Most kids from Rinn are going to the second session (June 22-27), but kids can pick whichever session is most convenient for them and their families.

Talk to Sharon Goldade for more information.

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

- March 30th: Potluck!
- April 6th: Bowling Sunday!
- April 13th: ???
- April 20th: Easter

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 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**

March 30, 2025

Scripture

Psalm 78: 1-4

Message

Guest Speaker: Jennifer Moore, missionary from North Macedonia

Livestreamed on Facebook:

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

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

Lent and Easter Services

We're already in the midst of Lent! Here is what Rinn UMC has planned for rest of the 2025 Lent and Easter Season:

Sunday 3/30: Fourth Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Psalm 78:1-4

Special Music: Scott Anderson on the organ

Sunday 4/6: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Scripture: John 12:1-8

Special Music: Anneke Toomey

Sunday 4/13: Palm Sunday

Scripture: Luke 19:28-40

Special Music: Praise Band, plus special music by Scott Anderson

Thursday 4/17: 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service

Special Presentation of “The Last Supper of the Disciples”:

Each of the 12 disciples speak about who they are and their relationship with Jesus. They share communion with Jesus, and then we all get to share communion with Jesus, just as the disciples did.

Special Music: Shelly Anderson

Friday 4/18: 7:00pm Tenebre Service

A Service of Tenebre, or “darkness,” is based on a twelfth-century late night service and is an extended meditation on the passion of Christ. We use readings, music and decreasing light to remember Jesus’ sacrifice.

Sunday 4/20: Two Services on Easter Sunday!

6:45 Sunrise Service

Scripture: Psalm 118:1, 17-29

Special Music: Shelly Anderson and Lin Cheek

7:30 Potluck Breakfast

9:30 Regular Service

Scripture: Acts 10:34-43

Special Music: Rinn Choir “Glory Bound” with a prelude by Scott Anderson

“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.

Looking for a Lenten Study?

Long’s Peak UMC, Heart of Longmont UMC, and Hygiene UMC are joining together to do a Lenten study of Amy Jill Levine’s book, “Witness at the

Cross.” It will be a six-week book study, Wednesday nights, held at Long’s Peak UMC, 1421 Elmhurst Drive, Longmont, beginning on Ash Wednesday, 3/5/25. On that night, there will be a potluck at 5:30. The group will watch a 10-minute video on the book, then Rev. Jeremiah Harris will do a 5-minute homily and impose the ashes. On the following Wednesday nights, people will trade off to lead the night’s discussion. All are welcome to participate.

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!

Lifeline Screening at Rinn

Rinn will once again be hosting Lifeline Screening on April 21, 2025. Lifeline Screening is the nation’s leader in stroke and cardiovascular disease risk screening.

Did you know 80% of strokes are preventable according to the American Heart Association? Life Line Screening provides valuable health screenings to detect the risk of stroke and cardiovascular disease. Call 1-888-814-0466, text the word circle to 216-279-1607, or click [here](#) to learn more about it and/or sign up for a time.

Want to get screened but are worried about the cost? As the host, Rinn has a few complementary screenings. Talk to the office if you would like one.

Via Mobility for Life

Providing rides for residents:

Seniors 60+, disabled, and income qualified.

Dacono, Frederick & Firestone

303-444-3043

Rinn Cowboy Christian Fellowship

Wednesday Nights at 7:00pm

4/2/2025

Sing Along with Betsy Foushee

In Our Prayers

COMFORT

- All those struggling with depression.
- All those who grieve.
- The Van Dyke family after the loss of Selma. Funeral is on 4/12 at 11:00am.
- Lisa, as she moves to Texas.
- The family of Dave, who died in a house fire.
- Justin and his colleagues, who are starting a prison ministry.

HEALING

- Debby Perry as she battles cancer.
- Diana's daughter, who was recently diagnosed with cancer.
- The Hinkles' son-in-law Tom Pratt, who is recovering from an infection.
- Debbie, who is recovering from an infection.
- Mike Shaw, as he continues to recover from pneumonia.
- Mark McCleary for a diagnosis and healing.
- Rusty's aunt.
- Mike's friend Casey, who suffered burns in a house fire, and for the whole family who lost their home and their dogs.

- Julie's son Josh, that he recovers from knee replacement and can play baseball.
- Bethany, whose infection has returned.
- Scott and Bethany's son-in-law Josh, dealing with health issues, and comfort for his family.
- Mike and Karen's friends Greg and Gail, who are both dealing with cancer
- Vi is doing much better, but still needs our prayers.
- Janice is also doing much better, but still needs prayers.
- Dave's hip transplant has been postponed due to other pain.
- Sue had a double lung transplant some years ago and has other health issues.

THANKSGIVING

- Tractor Supply for their support for Justin's ministry for the unhoused.
- Rae Ann's sister-in-law's recovery from meningitis and her return home.
- Annie (and others) being able to join us every Sunday online.
- The prayers from this church for Warren's wife Linda, who is doing better.
- Eric's new granddaughter, and that she and her mother are doing well.
- Mary and her husband, who opened their home to Lisa when she needed them.
- Both of Jenny's brothers are doing fine.
- Bertie, who has finally arrived in the U.S. after struggling with immigration
- All of the cards, calls, and prayers for Mike and Ginny during his illness.
- Hunter and Destiny being at church.
- The wonderful music at church.
- The Catholic fish fry, and all churches who celebrate God in different ways.
- Those who find Jesus, even on their death beds.

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](#).

March Birthdays

1 Linda Napier
3 Fred Skates
4 Genell Hulstrom
5 Tory Hulstrom
9 Megan Vinson
9 Debby Perry
10 Abby Goetze
17 JR Trujillo
17 Andrew Kemnetz
18 Bonnie Clark
22 Kathy Wolff
23 Hayden Oliver
24 Melody Johnson
25 Jody Collier
25 Gillian Chapman
26 Morgan Boisen
27 Elsie Newman
31 Dave Knowlton
April 1 Garry Wilson

Happy Anniversary To...

This Week at Rinn

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

Friday 3/28

7:00pm New Hope AA in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday 3/30

8:00am Adult Bible Study

8:15am Men's Koffee Klub

9:30am Worship Service

11:00am Potluck Lunch

Tuesday 4/1

1:00pm Knitting Group

Wednesday 4/2

8:45am Breakfast Fellowship at Maggie's
10:30am 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
Nominations: Rev. Lin Cheek
Worship Committee: Betsy Foushee