

# Rinn Newsletter 12/11/25-12/17/25

## From the Minister's Mac

### “Hidden Identities”

A long time ago, while I worked in a retail store in California, I was talking to a colleague near the store entrance to the mall. Through the glass, I thought I saw Beau Bridges strolling toward the food court. Was it him? Was it possible that he was actually Christmas shopping at the Del Amo Mall? No, it couldn't be.

I pointed him out to my friend, but the more determined I became that it was Beau Bridges, the more adamant she became that it was not. As we debated the stranger's identity, we began to surreptitiously follow him toward the food court. Probably used to crazy fans, he became aware of the two young women behind him, turned around and said, “Hi.” Completely caught off guard, I stammered, “Has anyone ever told you that you look exactly like Beau Bridges? Because you do, you really do.”

He confessed that he was, indeed, Beau Bridges, all the while looking weary of being recognized but determined to be polite. Then my friend had the audacity to say, “I don't believe you. Let me see your ID.” I was mortified and apologized to the actor. My friend and I went back to work and Beau left the food court, probably vowing to himself that from now on he was leaving the Christmas shopping to his assistant.

Our Scripture this Sunday tells of John asking Jesus, “Are you the one?” While he wasn't exactly asking Jesus for his ID, he was displaying an uncertainty about Jesus' identity. Or perhaps John just wanted to be sure, just wanted a confirmation from Jesus himself, so that when he told his followers about the one who would come after him, whose sandals he was not fit to touch, he could positively identify him as Jesus of Nazareth.

“Are you the one?” John asks. As we continue our journey through Advent, we’ll explore Jesus’ answer to John and imagine what we would make of it. Would Jesus’ answer satisfy our curiosity? And how would we answer the questions Jesus asks in Matthew 11:7-9. All this and more, Sunday morning. No ID required!

See you in church,  
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*“Many came to him, and they were saying, ‘John performed no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.’” John 10:41*

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## 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!



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## Cookie Making at Rinn!



Can't get enough Christmas cookies? Have holiday baking fever? **It's not too late! Saturday, December 20, from 9-noon**, join us in the Rinn fellowship hall & 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 this 'COOKIE' list in the narthex, so we know how many bakers to expect and prepare for. Contact Betsy Foushee if you have any questions.

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## Ladies Lunch

**Let the United Women of Faith(UMW)  
Treat you to Lunch!**



**If you would like to carpool to the  
restaurant, please be in the  
church parking lot at 10:15am.**

**WHEN: DECEMBER 13, 2025 AT 11:30AM**

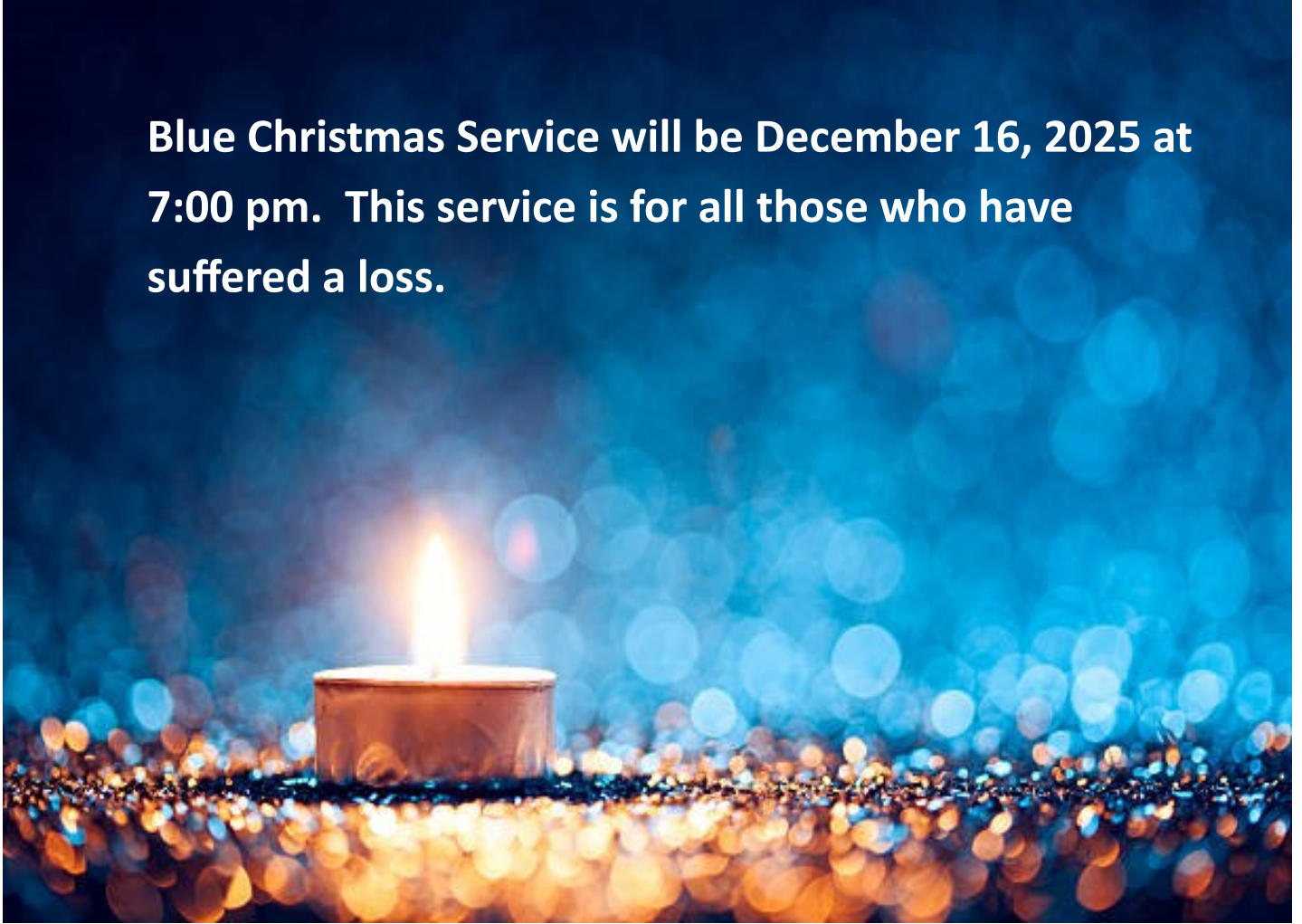
**WHERE: Pepper Pod  
530 Fir Street,  
Hudson, CO 80642  
off of Hwy 52 and I-76**

**WHO: ALL LADIES ARE INVITED!**

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## Blue Christmas Service

Blue Christmas Service will be December 16, 2025 at 7:00 pm. This service is for all those who have suffered a loss.



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## ~ Rinn Worship Service ~

**In Person and Livestreamed on Facebook  
December 14, 2025 ~ 9:30am**

**Scripture**  
**Matthew 11:2-11**

**Message**  
**“Are You the One?”**

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](#)

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## 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:

Saturday 12/13, 11:30am —Ladies Luncheon — all women are invited!  
Pepper Pod, 530 Fir Street, Hudson

Sunday 12/14, 9:30am service —Special Music from the Rinn Choir

Tuesday 12/16, 7pm service Blue Christmas — for all who are suffering loss

Saturday 12/20, 8:30-noon —Christmas Cookie making at Rinn!

Sunday 12/21, 9:30am service —Special Music from bagpiper Blaine Lee

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

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

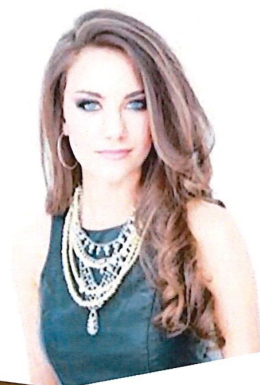
Sunday 1/4, 9:30am service —Epiphany! Our last Sunday of the Christmas season

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



**A Country Christmas at  
Rinn Cowboy Christian Fellowship**  
(The traditional Christmas songs you know and love.)

**Wednesday 12/3, 7pm**  
Nashville recording artist,  
Aubree Bullock/Neeper  
singing your favorite songs of  
the season with a Christmas  
message.



**Wednesday, 12/10, 7pm**  
Barry Ward returns with his  
heartfelt music from middle  
America. Christmas, the way  
you remember.

**Wednesday, 12/17, 7pm**  
An hour of uplifting 4-part  
by the popular New Life Quartet.  
Songs guaranteed to soothe your  
soul!



**3783 Bella Rosa Parkway, Frederick (In the Methodist Church Building)**  
(Homemade Christmas cookies provided)  
Love offering for musicians not required, but gratefully accepted.



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## 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

[bfoushee@hotmail.com](mailto:bfoushee@hotmail.com)



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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.

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## Looking for an Apartment?

Debby Thompson has an apartment for rent in her house. If you're looking for a place or know someone who might be, call Debby at 970-980-4086 for more information!

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## Refreshments After Worship

December 14th-Kermit  
December 21st-Janice  
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)

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## This Week at Rinn

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

### Tuesday 12/16

7:00pm Blue Christmas Service

### Wednesday 12/17

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

### Friday 12/19

7:00pm New Hope AA

### Saturday 12/20

08:30am Cookie Making at Rinn

### Sunday 12/21

8:00am Adult Bible Study

8:15am Men's Koffee Klub

9:30am Worship Service

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## 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!

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## 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.

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## 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!

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# 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 Ann's grandson who is traveling abroad, and for all out on the road in treacherous weather.
- For Sharon G. and her family on the loss of her brother Dan.
- Kati asks travel mercies for her family

## **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
- Healing for Diana suffering from bronchitis.
- Scott gives thanks for the healing that has happened through his bone marrow transplant (stem cell replacement), and asks for continued prayers for healing of the skin rash that is a normal by-product of the surgery but is lasting longer than predicted.
- 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

## **THANKSGIVING**

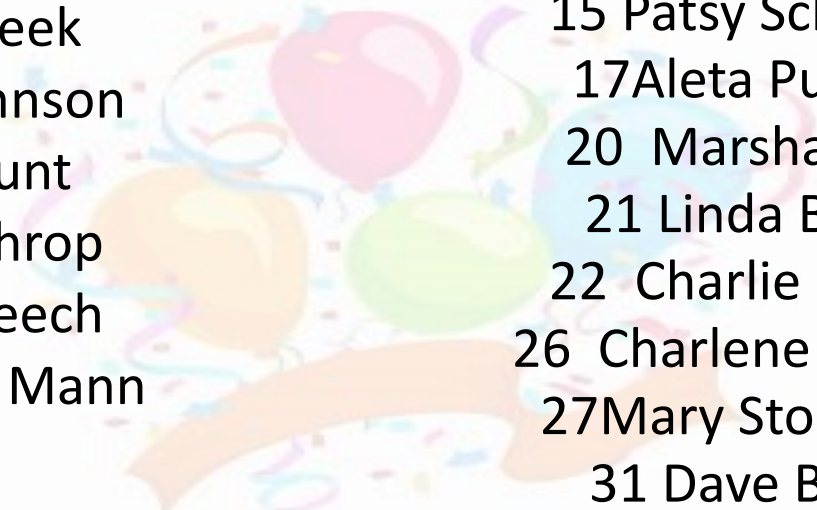
- Thanks for those who provide care for and work at homes for the elderly .
- Joy of new babies in our families .
- Prayers of thanksgiving for continued sobriety for those in our community who are working that out every day.
- Kermit gives thanks for the joy of reconciling with his sons. He also asks prayers for those in recovery with whom he works.
- Ashley gives prayers of thanks that she is just days away from getting off paper.
- 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.

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](mailto:Info@rinnumc.org).

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## **December Birthdays**



1 Brian Cheek	15 Patsy Schmidt
2 Cody Johnson	17 Aleta Purcell
9 Janice Hunt	20 Marsha Wood
10 Kay Northrop	21 Linda Boyd
13 Gene Creech	22 Charlie Baum
15 Addison Mann	26 Charlene Russell
15 Russ Fox	27 Mary Stoothoff
	31 Dave Boyd

## **Happy December Anniversary To...**

4 Alvin & Helen Underhill-Woznick (2021)

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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:

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