

Rinn Newsletter 8/20/25-8/27/25

From the Minister's Mac

"Grief"

Try as we might, we can't get away from the harsh reality that no one lives forever. At least, not here on earth. We do everything we can to stay young, to hide our aging, to keep active, and to exercise not only our bodies, but also our minds. We do what we can to prolong our wonderful lives, but no matter what we do, we eventually have to face the hard fact that death comes for us all.

The thing is, grief is a common experience, so common, in fact, that every year I hold a Blue Christmas Service, where folks who have lost a loved one might find a safe place to celebrate the birth of Christ, a place where tears may flow while carols are being sung, and where friends are there to hug and pray with those who have a hard time finding that joyous noel. (This year's Blue Christmas Service will be on Tuesday, December 16 at 7pm.)

We need such a service because grief is always with us and makes the holidays especially hard. We find ourselves struggling to get through the days, with humps to get over, gatherings to endure, treatments to survive, and family dramas to navigate. We find ourselves in a constant tug-of-war between a need to remain present and a desire to just run away. Because of our sorrow, we can't imagine a Holly Jolly Christmas and maybe we don't even want to. And that's okay! It's okay to run away and hide, and forget all about the accoutrements of the holidays in order to focus on and deal with our grief.

Its okay to run away and hide from everything except for one tiny thing. One tiny baby — Jesus, God's gift to the world. Christmas is really about how much God loves us and we DON'T want to hide from that. EVER!

We may have the Blue Christmas service at Christmas time, but we need to remember to cling to Jesus every day. We need to continually celebrate our God who keeps trying to connect with humanity, through angels and prophets and kings, and yes, through the baby named Jesus.

Jesus is our hope for a better tomorrow, hope for the kingdom of God on earth, hope for one day without violence, one day without pain, one day without tears, one day without more bad news. Jesus is our hope to recognize that the joy we find in him any day of the year is not about being happy or jolly. It is about finding that peace that surpasses all understanding, the peace that comes only from our loving God through Jesus the Christ.

I pray that whenever grief is experienced in our community, we can share that hope and peace with one another, and find comfort in knowing that we are not alone in our sorrow. Thanks be to God!

See you in church,
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**“The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.” Psalm 34:18**



District Picnic

Join us for fun in the sun at a beautiful park.
Take a walk, play a game, chat with friends, or meet
someone new!

All Laity & Clergy from Colorado Front Range
are Invited!

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August 2025

12 PM - 2 PM

at E.B. Rains Park

11701 Community Center Dr.

Northglenn, CO 80233

BYO Food & Drink, Dessert Provided



~ Rinn Worship Service ~

In Person and Livestreamed on Facebook

August 24, 2025 ~ 9:30am

Scripture

Hebrews 12:18-29

Message

“Unshaken”

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](#)

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.



Movie Night at Rinn



Please join us for Movie Night at Rinn! We will meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday of each Month. August meeting dates will be the 14th and 28th. If you have any questions, Please contact Shelly Anderson.

Rinn Cowboy Christian Fellowship

Wednesday Nights at 7:00pm

8/27/25



Betwixt 'n Between

Rinn Back-to-School Ice Cream Social and “Talent” Show

Enjoy homemade ice cream, a chance to socialize, and a show featuring the many talents of the Rinn community, **September 6th at 3:00pm.**

Would you like to perform in the show? Have you always wanted to show off your ability to sing, dance, play an instrument, or recite the “Who’s on First?” skit with your best friend? Sign up on the sheet on the welcome table with who’s in your act, a short description, an approximate amount of time it will take, and an email address where someone in your group can be contacted. Or just talk to Suzanne. If we have too many acts, priority will be given to those that contain a participant under 18. Talent is permitted, but certainly not required.

Do your talents tend more to the visual or tactile arts? Do you draw, paint, sculpt, sew, knit, crochet, or quilt? We will also be having a display for those kind of talents! Sign up with your name and the approximate size of the piece you want to show.

“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.

Refreshments After Worship

- August 24th-Aleta P
- August 31st-
- September 7th
- September 14th-Janice Henderson
- September 21st



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. 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.
- A sign-up sheet will be at the podium in the Narthex each Sunday.

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Noah's Community Outreach

You PROBABLY know Noah's Community Outreach collects clothing and hygiene items throughout the year, to distribute (in backpacks) to people in our community who are unhoused. Right now we are prepping for winter, buying sleeping bags and watching for sales on warm clothing, socks, etc. Last year we distributed 37-ish backpacks; this coming year we hope to distribute 50 or more.

You MAY know Noah's Community Outreach provides Saturday night supper, twice a month, for people who stay overnight in the Hope for Longmont shelter (usually about 30 guests).

You MAY NOT know - we are now partnering with Hope for Longmont to provide lunches throughout the week. Hope for Longmont serves 300 lunches each month at their food bank location, and another 100 as their outreach team meets people around town who need and will accept support. Each week, we provide supplies like sandwiches, snacks, drinks, and fruit for them to distribute. This week we took them some hard-boiled eggs! We by no means meet the entire need, but we are helping.

Want to know more? Want to share ideas or suggestions? Want to get involved? Great! Please talk to Justin or Betsy.

Noah's Community Outreach receives some grant funding from Rinn UMC, and is also supported by donations in time, resources, and \$ from the congregation.

In Our Prayers

COMFORT

- For Barry and his family on the loss of Barry's daughter Jessica, who is now at peace in the arms of Jesus. The Service will be on October 18, 2025 at 10:30am.
- Continued prayers for Hunter, and for God to place people in his path that might lead him closer to God.
- Prayers for the family of Tom Mason, whose memorial service will be on September 13, 2025 at 2:00pm
- For Scott's cousin's father who is in hospice.
- For Alex and family as they move their lives from Colorado to Las Vegas.
- For Peace in Gaza and Ukraine, and all other war-torn areas in our world.
- For Patty, who lost her husband Vincent.
- Travel mercies for all those traveling this summer.
- For those suffering from recent fires and floods.
- Prayers for Diana and family on the loss of her husband Terry.
- Continued prayers for Eric and Justin's Uncle Mark

HEALING

- From Colleen, for 9-year-old Fayden, who is still having health issues after a heart-transplant, although the heart is good.
- For Rob who has throat cancer and prayers that God will take cancer out of this world completely.
- From Eric, for Hal, who is still in the hospital, and for Hal's wife Lisa.
- For Tammy, who is home and receiving continuing care for her Pulmonary Hypertension and Diabetes.
- For Justin & Eric's Uncle Mark who the doctors don't feel they can help without doing more damage. May they find a way to help him!
- For Janice's daughter-in-law Sue, a double lung transplant recipient having other health troubles.
- For Diana's daughter, who has finished cancer treatment and is doing well, continued healing.
- For Steve who is having cataract surgery on both eyes.
- For those struggling with addiction.
- For Sue who is still recovering from her fall but is home now.
- Healing for Mike Shaw, whose back is hurting him
- For Linda Rinn recovering from a fall
- For continued healing for Lacy's co-worker who is beginning to recover from his fall at work.

THANKSGIVING

- God bless all our organ donors.
- For those who participate in the ministries of the church and who keep our church buildings and grounds safe and operational.
- For the ability to travel, and prayers for all those who are on the move for recreation or relocation.
- Thanks to Sharon for making her famous choke-cherry jelly.

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*. 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 8/27

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 8/28

7:00pm Movie Night at Rinn

Friday 8/29

7:00pm New Hope AA

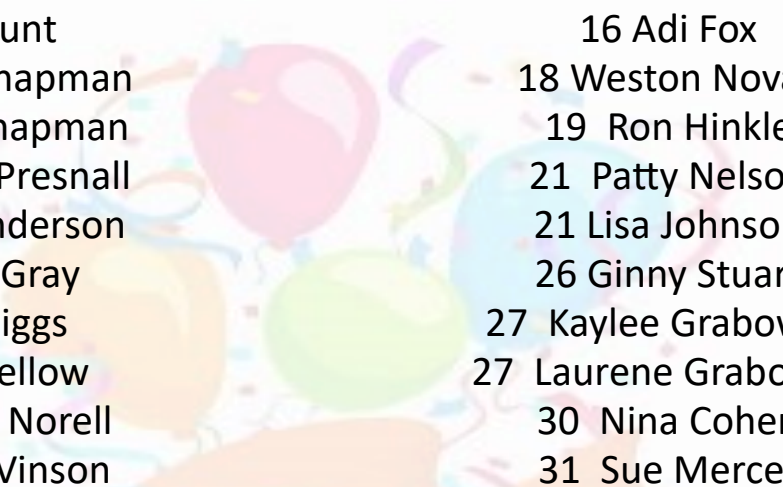
Sunday 8/31

8:00am Adult Bible Study

8:15am Men's Koffee Klub

9:30am Worship Service

August Birthdays



2 Josh Hunt	16 Adi Fox
3 Bryson Chapman	18 Weston Novak
3 Emery Chapman	19 Ron Hinkle
3 Lily May Presnall	21 Patty Nelson
4 Shelly Anderson	21 Lisa Johnson
5 David Gray	26 Ginny Stuart
6 Eric Riggs	27 Kaylee Grabowski
9 Nikki Dellow	27 Laurene Grabowski
13 Rae Ann Norell	30 Nina Cohen
13 Wayne Vinson	31 Sue Mercer

Happy August Anniversary To...

16 Ed & Toni Dellow (1983)
17 Rusty & Jenny Goetze (1996)
23 Michael & Barb Abney (1975)

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