



From the Minister's Mac

Human-kind — Be Both

Let's be kind this Christmas. No hidden agendas, no secret motives, no greed or jealousy, no you-have-to-believe-what-I believe attitude. Let's just be kind.

Let's not worry about being politically correct, or putting political party first. Let's put Christ first and be kind to one another.

Let's not worry about our weight, or our clothes, or stringing the Christmas lights a certain

way. Let's simply worry about whether or not we are kind.

Let us think before speaking and ask ourselves if what we are saying is kind. Whether we act or refrain from acting, let us always consider if what we have done or left undone was out of kindness.

I know that I am not always kind. Too busy, too focused on something else, too tired, too wounded — excuses abound. But what I want is to be kind. Exceedingly, enthusiastically, unconditionally, and utterly — kind.

Scripture calls us to be kind. Paul was constantly imploring early believers to be kind to one another and reminding them that one of the fruits of the Spirit is kindness. Scripture also tells us that Joseph was “a righteous man and unwilling to expose [Mary] to public disgrace,” in other words, he was kind! His love for Mary prevented him from being anything other than kind.

Each of us gets to make a choice with every word and action. Be angry or be positive, be petulant or be helpful, be impatient or be joyful. We all get to choose. As for me and my house, I pray we choose to serve the Lord — and be kind. Always.

See you in church,
Lin

“By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.” Galatians 5:22-23

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.

Harmonia Singing on the 11th

For those of you who are fans of the acapella group Harmonia (the group that Shelly Anderson sings with), they will be singing at Brookdale Assisted Living, 2240 Pratt St, in Longmont, at 1:30pm on Wednesday, December 11. They'll be doing about a dozen or so classic Christmas carols.

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.



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.

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.

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

December 8 • 9:30 a.m.

Scripture

Luke 2:1-20

Message

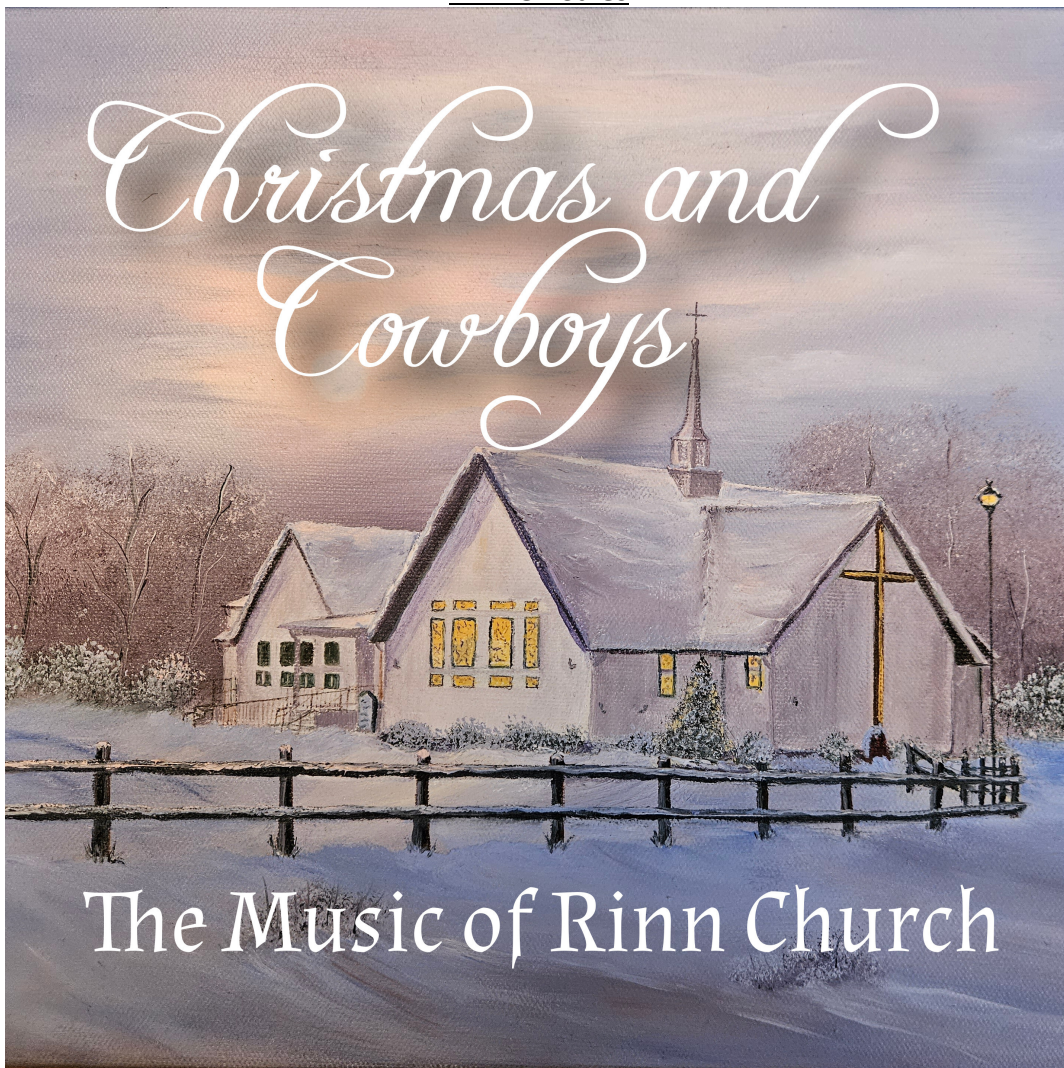
“Christmas According to Matthew”

Livestreamed on Facebook:

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

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

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.

“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.

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!

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.

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.

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 Angles.*"

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

In Our Prayers

COMFORT

- Annie, as she moves to a new place for a new adventure.
 - The Nelson family, and all those who mourn.
 - Wayne's Aunt Linda, as she transitions to assisted living.
- The Holland family, as they deal with the trial and sentencing of the drunk driver who killed their son.
 - Mike's neighbor, who lost her 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.
 - All those suffering loss or injury from continuing wars.
 - Rae Ann's sister-in-law as she moves into rehab.
 - Debby Perry as she battles cancer.
 - 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.
 - Suzanne's sister-in-law Carolyn, awaiting the results of a biopsy.
 - Jenny's father-in-law, who fell.
 - Jenny's friend, who had a stroke.
 - Denise's sister Brenda, in the ICU with renal failure.

THANKSGIVING

- For the support that this church gave Sue, Linda, Julie, and Patsy's husband Dave while recovering from surgery.
- All those who have visited Debby and brought her and Dan food (they have enough food for now!)
 - Justin's ministry for the unhoused and all who support it.
 - Paula's son's survival after a car accident.
 - 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.
- 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.
 - Denise's return to church after surgery.

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](#).

Refreshments for after Worship sign-up

- December 8th: Teena and Sue Oliver
 - December 15th: ???

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

Cowboy Fellowship at Rinn

Wednesday nights at 7pm



Barry Ward
12/11/2024

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)

Weekly Activity Schedule

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

Friday 12/6

7:00pm New Hope AA

Saturday 12/7

10:00am-4:00pm UMW Craft Fair

Sunday 12/8

8:00am Adult Bible Study

8:15am Men's Koffee Klub

9:30am Worship Service

Wednesday 12/11

8:45am Breakfast Fellowship at Maggie's

10:30a 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.

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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