

From the Minister's Mac

"Sides"

It started as a joke one year. "What would you like for Thanksgiving dinner?" I asked my beloved. Kidding, he replied, "All I want are Candied Yams." "What about Cheezy Asparagus?" I asked, knowing that was one of his favorite dishes. "Oh yea, that too," he agreed. We began to list all the sides we had ever had with a Thanksgiving meal. Popeye Spinach. Green Bean Casserole. Glazed Carrots. New Potatoes. Ambrosia. Spinach Salad. Boston Brown Bread. Unstuffed Dressing. My mouth is watering just thinking about all the delicious food we have prepared together over the years. Those dishes were a meal unto themselves.

That's how we decided to dispense with the protein at our Thanksgiving table and enjoy only side dishes. While we missed fussing with the turkey early in the morning — and prepping it the night before — we enjoyed our side dishes so much that we did it again the following year. It also made us thankful for all we have, and realize that we are fortunate to be able to choose what to eat. We recognized that while we have the choice, there are others who don't. It is not enough to be thankful for all we have; we must also share it with others.

I am thankful that so many of you feel the same way. You are an inspiration as you work for others, preparing hot food, collecting pantry items, placing clothing in backpacks, providing lunches and the possibility of warmth during the cold winter months for those who most need it.

I am thankful to see the canned goods stacking up, and the sleeping bags, and the clothes. I am thankful to have the problem of where to put all the items we are collecting to help the people of Carbon Valley, Longmont, and beyond.

John Wesley was a huge proponent of giving, requiring the young men in his Oxford "Holy Clubs" to give to the poor. If it was discovered that anyone was gambling away money instead of making those donations, they risked expulsion.

I am thankful we are not that stern anymore!

I am also thankful that we are helping each other keep an eye out for opportunities to give aid where needed. This Thanksgiving, as you enjoy good food, family, and friends, know that I am giving thanks for you and all you do in the name of Christ. And if you find that you're going to be alone for the holiday for whatever reason, please let me know. There's a place at our table for you!

With love and thanks,
Lin

**“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” Hebrews 13:16**

Holiday Church Office Hours

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, November 26, 2025 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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!





Rinn Gift, Craft, and Bake Sale



Saturday, December 6, 2025, 10am – 4pm
Rinn United Methodist Church
3783 Bella Rosa Parkway (Weld County Rd 20)
Frederick, CO 80504

Just west of the I-25 frontage road,
between HWY 52 and 119

A Christmas shopping experience with dozens of local artists showcasing their crafts! Bring a canned good and take a picture with Santa!

Enjoy lunch in our Corner Café from 11- 1:

- Homemade soups:
 - Chili
 - French Onion
 - Beef Stew
 - And more...
- Christmas cookies
- Lunch is \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids



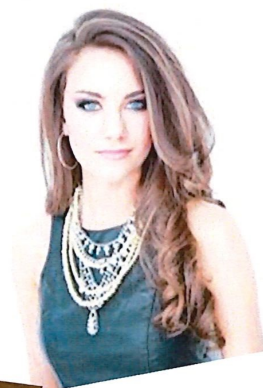
Take some flyers from the welcome table in the Narthex and spread the word!

Want to contribute to the bake sale? Bring your cookies, cakes, pies, breads, jams and jellies, or whatever else you make to the church kitchen on Friday morning, December 5 from 9-12, or Saturday morning from 8-10.



**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.



A Plea From Your Pastor

Friends, we are all so busy and it is hard sometimes to remember all the things we want to say to someone until we see them, which is usually on Sunday. In most cases, this is a great way to use our time together before and after the service. However, for me, when I am trying to get into worship mode before service, to have several people hit me up with ministry ideas, announcements to make, questions about someone who is sick or hasn't been to church in a while, information about someone who is sick or hasn't been to church in a while, or even just to let me know that they won't be here for the next few weeks because they'll be out of town... well, it really doesn't help me get into worship mode. In fact, it can feel like an onslaught of information that I won't have a prayer of remembering come Monday. YOU CAN HELP by choosing one of the following options:

1. Call me during the week! If I don't answer, please leave me a message and I will get back to you.
2. Write me a little note during the service and pass it to me as you leave after worship. Please leave your name and email address so that I know who to respond to.
3. Email me anytime!
4. (Preferred Option) Let's make a date for coffee or lunch so we can talk about what you want to talk about AND get to know each other a little better in the process.

Thanks for your help with this and I will try to do the same for you, too!!
Much love, Lin

~ Rinn Worship Service ~

In Person and Livestreamed on Facebook
November 30, 2025 ~ 9:30am

Scripture

Isaiah 40:3-5 & Matthew 3:1-12

Message

“Isaiah & John: Preparing the Way”

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](#)

Update on Noah's Community Outreach

"In worship last Sunday, we prayed over the filled backpacks, and asked God's blessings on those who will receive them. Please take a backpack (or more) and keep it in your vehicle to distribute when you see someone in need. Justin will soon begin distributing them in larger numbers as the weather turns colder. The backpacks with scarves on them contain women's clothes; those without scarves contain men's clothes.

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

757-423-3332 cell and text



"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

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-November 30th-

-December 7th-UMW-Craft Fair

December 14th-Kermit

December 21st-Janice

December 28th-Paula Clapp



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)

This Week at Rinn

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

Wednesday 12/3

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 12/5

7:00pm New Hope AA

Saturday 12/6

10:00 am Craft Fair at Rinn

Sunday 12/7

8:00am Adult Bible Study

8:15am Men's Koffee Klub

9:30am Worship Service

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!

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. December will have one meeting on December 11, 2025. If you have any questions, Please contact Shelly Anderson.

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!

In Our Prayers

COMFORT

- For all who are grieving.
- For those affected by floods and fires.
- For those in war torn areas.
- Travel mercies for those on the road
- for all those awaiting surgery and healing for those recovering from surgery .

HEALING

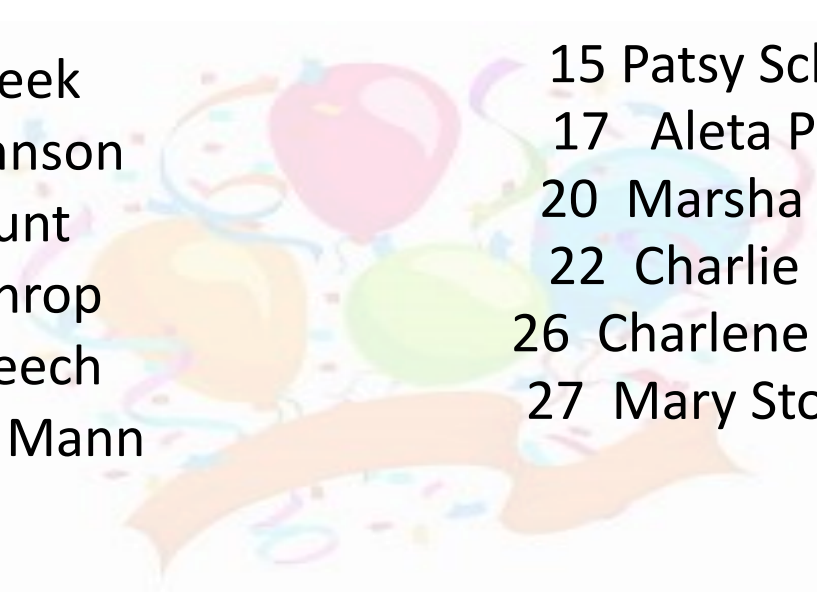
- For Janice's daughter-in-law Sue, a double lung transplant recipient having other health troubles.
- Healing prayers for Justin's Mom Janet, who has a spot on her lung. Prayers also for comfort and strength for the family.
- Margaret's brother-in-law Rick, who has cancer
- Healing for fractured families.
- Barb, who is in the hospital with multiple issues.
- For Wayne's father who has vertigo.
- For Rob who is battling throat cancer.
- Healing and comfort for all those awaiting results from tests .
- Healing for Marline and Bob
- Healing for Rusty's sister, who was in a bicycle accident
- Healing for Denise, who is recovering at home after hip surgery.
- Healing for Michelle after foot surgery.
- Healing for Diana suffering from bronchitis.

THANKSGIVING

- Thanks for those who provide care for and work at homes for the elderly .
- Joy of new babies in our families .
- Thanks to Jasmine and the Girl Scouts for cleaning the pews in the sanctuary.

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.

December Birthdays



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

And don't forget 11/29 Sheila Legler Birthday

and 11/27 Larry & Sharon Thompson Anniversary

Happy December Anniversary To...

4 Alvin & Helen Underhill-Woznick (2021)

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