

Rinn Newsletter 5/22-5/28

A Note from the Office

A Huge Shout out to Suzanne Gallagher who has been filling in for me for the last 6 months after my shoulder replacement. I am so very grateful to Suzanne for stepping in seamlessly and working so hard in the office manager role for me while I was gone. When you see her on Sunday morning, please thank her for taking this time away from her family to help out in the office! THANK YOU SO MUCH SUZANNE!!

Julie Stirm
Office Manager
Rinn UMC

From The Minister's Mac

Ch-Ch-Changes

In 1971, at the ripe old age of 24, David Bowie recorded the semi-autobiographical song, "Changes." Through his lyrics, he invited us to "turn and face the strange ch-ch-changes," and warned us, "Oh look out you rock-and-rollers ... pretty soon you're gonna get older."

He was right on all counts. We have gotten older. And the changes are strange. And we do have to face them.

I know things have changed quite a bit in my lifetime, so far, and many of those changes are strange. Television went from black and white to high definition, from antennas to cables, from 7 channels to hundreds of channels, and consequently, from free to very costly. Cars went from having cigarette lighters

and radios, to cigarette lighters and tape players, to cigarette lighters and CD players, to multi-CD players with no lighter, to neither CD player nor lighter. I could do without the lighter, but really missed my CD player, until I got used to playing music in my car from my phone.

Ch-ch-change, indeed.

When I was young, we couldn't wait to get outside to play, and would often stay out until we were called home. Our play was physical — riding bikes, swimming, playing basketball or volleyball or badminton, and the simple yard games of tag, Simon Says, and Mother-May-I. Now-a-days, kids would rather sit in a basement dedicated to video games, where they play with or against other cellar dwellers who are only identified by their avatars or gamer names.

Strange, indeed.

Over the years, I've had the good fortune to visit with folks who have lived in a world entirely different from the one I inhabit: a world of one-room schools where the teacher chopped wood for the school stove and got there early to get the room warmed up for the students; a world of children who went to work and then turned their earnings over to their parents to help the family make ends meet; a world without TVs or radios, where cars were not yet in every garage — but came with a cigarette lighter.

The world our grandparents lived in was very different from the world today,

which will be very different from the world in which our grandchildren will raise their children. They say the only certain things in life are death and taxes, and I have been tempted to add “change” to that list of life’s certainties. But I can’t, because there is one thing that doesn’t change, and that is the love of God.

Throughout a lifetime of changes that challenge and confound us, we can be sustained by the unchanging love of God, the love that was, and is, and is to come; the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. It seems ironic to me that through the act of accepting God’s unchanging love, we ourselves are changed in ways that challenge and confound us. Our unchanging God is a God of change — change in nature, change in lives, change in us.

As we roll into summer and face the changes that come our way, I pray we remember that our unchanging God walks with us each and every day.
See you in church,
Lin

**“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”
Hebrews 13:8**

Need Help Shredding Meat

Marsha is looking for a couple of people to shred pork around 7:15am Sat morning May 24th and a couple of people to shred beef around 9:00am Sat morning May 24th. Each should not take more than an hour or so. Anyone that would like to volunteer could call or text me at (303) 775-0951 to let me know by 5:00pm Friday. If I don't get volunteers I will have to call people to help.

Thanks

Marsha

Dogs Need Fostering

A member of our community has reached out to us because she needs to go into a rehab program, and she needs someone to foster her dogs while she does. They are two English Springer Spaniel females, un-spayed, ages 2 and 2 1/2 . If you could potentially take one or both dogs for a few weeks, or know someone who could, please [email the church](#), and I will put you in touch with the owner.

Marsha is Collecting Egg Cartons

Marsha needs egg cartons once more. Please leave them in the kitchen, on the counter next to the back door.

Pig Roast Time

It's only a month away. Rinn's annual pig roast and bake sale will be on June 14th this year. If you are interested in cooking, serving, or donating, see the sign-up sheet in the narthex or talk to Marsha W. or Mary Margaret.

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

- May 25th: Ruth and Teena

- June 1st: Genell

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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~ **Rinn**

Worship Service ~

In Person and Livestreamed on Facebook

May 25, 2025 ~ 9:30am

Scripture

Revelation 21:10; 21:22-22:5

Message

“The Last Temple”

Livestreamed on Facebook:

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

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

“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.

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!

Financial Update from Sue

The state of Rinn finances from the first quarter:

Income: \$46079.91

Expense: 51924.86

Net Loss: **\$ 5844.95**

Note we paid an additional \$3000.00 on the mortgage, which is included in expenses. Discounting that, the loss would be \$2844.95, which is typical.

We need to remain frugal but are NOT in financial distress at this time.

Mortgage Balance: \$15,000.

We hope to pay this off no later than Pig Roast next year, 2026, our Anniversary year. What a celebration we will have!!

Investment account balances as of March 31, 2025:

Methodists Helping Methodists: \$28,600.14 (Market Value)

Schwab Investments: 1,076.14

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!

Upcoming Study of Revelation

Monday Nights via Zoom

Rev. Lin will be hosting an online Bible study on the book of Revelation. Contact her or [email the office](#) for more information, to be included in the Zoom link, and to get the study materials.

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

5/28/2025

Wanted

In Our Prayers

COMFORT

- All those struggling with depression.
- Eric and Justin's Uncle Jerry and family, as Jerry approaches the end of life.
- For Mike R. and his family on the loss of his uncle.

HEALING

- Debby Perry, who is home after her stem-cell transplant and ready to receive visitors. May her treatment continue to progress well.
- Diana's daughter, who was recently diagnosed with cancer.
- Mike and Karen's friends Greg and Gail, who are both dealing with cancer
- Janice is also doing much better, but still needs prayers.
- Sue had a double lung transplant some years ago and has other health issues.
- Garry after his stroke, as well as strength and healing for Patty
- JR, who is having heart trouble and is recovering at home
- Janice Hunt, who is recovering from a fall.
- Bethany, who had surgery on Wednesday.
- Continued healing for Sue Mercer who is recovering well from knee surgery.
- Prayers for a successful hip surgery for Aleta's husband Dan, and for a quick recovery.

THANKSGIVING

- Tractor Supply for their support for Justin's ministry for the unhoused, and all those who donate to the backpacks and help give them out.
- Jennifer, and all missionaries out spreading the Word of God.
- The wonderful music at church.
- That Vi is feeling better and is ready to receive visitors again.
- Those who find Jesus, even on their death beds.

- Thanks for Anneke and all the music she has helped us make!
- Thanks for Marsha who coordinates our Pig Roast, and all the volunteers who help, and prayers that it is successful in bringing people together.

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](#).

May Birthdays

3 Jim Nelson
 6 Terry Johnson
 8 Bill Longstraith
 20 Renee Kemnetz
 20 Dagny Novak
 21 Ruth Fuss

Happy Anniversary To...

3 Michael & Deb Rowley(1986)
 26 Brian & Rev. Lin Cheek (1991)

This Week at Rinn

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

Friday 5/23

7:00pm New Hope AA in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday 5/25

8:00am Adult Bible Study
 8:15am Men's Koffee Klub
 9:30am Worship Service

Wednesday 5/28

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