

Rinn Newsletter 11/13/25-11/19/25

A Note from the Office

The UMW Meeting is this Saturday, November 15th at 9:00am. In the newsletter last week it was mistakenly put in as being last Saturday.

From the Minister's Mac

“Colors”

Okay, I can cross another item off my bucket list. Tuesday night, I saw the Northern Lights and I didn't even have to go to Iceland! Although I'm sure the collision of solar wind particles and atmospheric gasses would be more stunning closer to the Arctic Circle, what we saw Tuesday night was remarkable enough for me and my beloved.

From our house, we could see something happening in the sky, a fuzzy red blur that showed up better through the cell phone camera lens than it did with our eyes alone. We decided to go on an adventure and, after driving north a bit and getting away from city, freeway and street lights, we could finally see nature's light show with the naked eye. It was amazing. Those of you who live further away from light pollution probably caught the whole show from your own back yard. Lucky!

I have seen a meteor shower in the high Sierras, lying on a huge flat rock with a dozen of my friends from youth group. I have seen the Milky Way strewn across the night sky while driving through the mountains. I have seen the full moon reflect off salt flats as I rode a tandem bike with a dear friend through Death Valley at midnight. I have seen a full solar eclipse with my beloved and my folks, from a rather un-picturesque but appropriate Walmart parking lot in Arkansas. We even caught the ATLAS comet last fall, very briefly, but very distinctly.

And now, my beloved and I were able to stand together on a dark county road in Longmont and watch the northern lights dance in the sky. After taking pictures and expressing our ooohs and aaahs, we finally drove home. We were so thankful to have seen the high-altitude greens and reds. We talked about other marvels we have seen and wondered what might await us in 2026.

Today, I can't help reflecting on the particular colors we saw. We are close to the season of Advent, which begins November 30th . The liturgical colors for Advent are purple or blue, with green wreaths, garlands and trees part of the décor, and white brought out on Christmas Eve as Advent ends. But the Church is very clear that red is the secular color of Christmas and should not be part of our sacred Advent celebrations. Yet, here was God's cosmic display, putting red and green together in the most spectacular way.

How can you argue with that?

I pray you, too, got to enjoy the show this week and that the wonder of God's universe brought a prayer of thanks to your lips. We are blessed to get these glimpses of how rare and precious creation is. For that I am eternally grateful. The Aurora Borealis has taught me to accept red as part of God's Advent and not just the color of Santa's attire. As for what comes next? Who knows. Maybe that famous natal star will return to the skies to lead the whole world into the love of God. Can I get an amen on that? (photos by Brian Cheek)

See you in Church,

Lin

**“The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.” Psalm 19:1**



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



Volunteers Needed for Sanctuary Clean-up

On **November 22, 2025** we will be deep cleaning the sanctuary starting at 9:00am. If any of you have ever been involved in the process you know it takes time and A LOT of help. Some girl scouts will be here and we need adult help to both supervise and to help with the cleaning. If you can lend a helping hand-let Sharon Goldade know. Also give her a call if you have any questions. THANK YOU!!!!!!

Sharon 303-817-3985

Refreshments After Worship

-November 16-Karen & Terry
-November 23-Aleta & Mila
-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)

Stewardship Campaign

Our 2026 Stewardship Campaign begins this Sunday and continues for three Sundays. Each week carries a theme that reaches beyond our bank accounts and into our daily lives, focusing on Service, Endurance, and Hope. Pledge cards will be available for you to fill out, after you prayerfully consider how much money you will give to Rinn's mission and ministry next year, and where you might like to increase your service to Rinn and the community around us.

You can turn in your completed pledge card any Sunday by placing it in the offering plate or in the red lock box in the Narthex (just outside the sanctuary). The pledge cards will be collected and given to Steve Sterkel, our Financial Secretary, who together with Sue Mercer, our Treasurer, sets the budget for next year. **NO ONE ELSE WILL LOOK AT OR MAKE NOTE OF YOUR PLEDGE.** It is really for you to have a target to aim at in your own budgeting for the coming year. Thank you so much for your faithful giving and for being a church that truly values the mission we do in our community!

~ Rinn Worship Service ~

In Person and Livestreamed on Facebook

November 16, 2025 ~ 9:30am

Scripture

Luke 21:5-19

Message

“Leaving A Legacy”

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](#)

Can You Help Donate to Carbon Valley Help Center?



We are asking for your support for Carbon Valley Help Center by bringing anything non-perishable in honor of Veterans Day and Bill Smith's 90th birthday. 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 on the table 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. November will have one meeting on November 13, 2025. If you have any questions, Please contact Shelly Anderson.

“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.

Rinn Cowboy Christian Fellowship

Wednesday Nights at 7:00pm

November 19th:

Eddie Kendrick



THANK YOU — THANK YOU — THANK YOU

I can't thank you enough for the love and generosity Rinn has shown me in our 2 ½ years together. The gift card and personal cards I received for Pastor Appreciation Month in October and now the Birthday cards, cake and well-wishes are all evidence of your warm and generous hearts. Thanks for thinking of me and caring so well for me and my family. We love you!!

Lin

In Our Prayers

COMFORT

- Wayne's Aunt Linda, who is approaching the end. May it be swift and gentle.
- For Michelle's friend who lost their baby in pregnancy.
- 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 those who will lose snap benefit
- for all those awaiting surgery and healing for those recovering from surgery .

HEALING

- For Rob who has throat cancer and prayers that God will take cancer out of this world completely.
- 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
- Steve and Michelle's neighbor Rocky, who had a massive heart attack.
- Healing for fractured families.
- Barb, who is in the hospital with multiple issues.
- For Wayne's father who has vertigo.
- For Elaine, who fell.
- For Hunter.
- For Annie and her digestive issues
- For Chuck who has a brain bleed
- For Rob who is battling throat cancer.
- Healing for fractured families.
- Healing and comfort for all those awaiting results from tests .
- Healing for those with COVID
- Healing for those suffering from cancer

THANKSGIVING

- Terry gives thanks that Shane's heart surgery was successful.
- For reconciliation with family.
- Diana thanks the church for all their love and support during her time of grief.
- Barry thanks the church and the UWF for the wonderful memorial given for Jessica, and thanks to all who prayed for her.
- Ginny gives thanks for Mike being home now and that Grayson is doing better and will be coming home.
- Ashley give thanks for her new job!
- Salem is driving now!
- Brendan has been hired as accompanist! He will start training on November 2, 2025.
- Thanks for those who provide and work at homes for the elderly .
- Joy of new babies in our families

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 and Karen Armstrong's A History of God. 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 11/19

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 11/20

7:00pm Ad Council Meeting

Friday 11/21

7:00pm New Hope AA

Sunday 11/23

8:00am Adult Bible Study

8:15am Men's Koffee Klub

9:30am Worship Service

November Birthdays



3 John Martin	11 Mary Ann Barnes
4 Rev. Lin Cheek	14 Michaela Boisen
4 Katleyn Addy	18 Mike Abney
6 Tim Kemnetz	18 Cathy Billings
7 Colin Peterson	18 Suzanne Gallagher
8 Renee Peterson	21 Sharon Goldade
8 David Grabowski	21 Mitch Hollingsworth
10 Bill Smith	29 Sheila Legler

Happy November Anniversary To...

3 Jim & Jan Nelson (1968)
18 Dan & Aleta Purcell (1978)
27 Larry & Sharon Thompson

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