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## **From the Minister's Mac:**

### **The Connectional Church**

One of the attributes about the United Methodist Church I love most is that we are “connectional.” Being connectional in the UMC means that every United Methodist congregation is interconnected throughout the denomination via a unique, interlocking chain of conferences, which govern, and worship and do mission and ministry — together.

For me, being connectional is even more than that: It is about

human connection, and this is not exclusive to the United Methodist Church! Every Christian is interconnected with every other Christian in our denomination and with other denominations, through the love of Christ. We belong to one another as the Body of Christ. We not only care about each other, we need each other, and I believe this is how God intends us to live.

So, when the Body becomes fractured and people begin leaving, it hurts all of us, there's no getting away from that. At General Conference, it was said that roughly 1/4 of United Methodist Churches have disaffiliated, most of them in the Southern Conferences. On one hand, I grieve over that figure. I pray for those churches. I pray for my church, and all the other churches and denominations who have gone through this kind of split. The Episcopal Church in 2003, the Baptist Church in 2006, the Lutheran Church in 2009, and the Presbyterian Church in 2012: all split over the same issue that now divides United Methodists.

On the other hand, I recognize that this has happened before and will probably happen again. We have split over baptism, communion, race, gender, and now orientation. We humans have a knack for disagreement, and we Christian humans have not yet learned how to navigate those disagreements as well as we should.

So I pray. I pray that one day we learn to accept one another and remain united, in spite of our differences of opinion. I pray that we might be of one mind — the mind of Christ. I pray that as the body of Christ we stay as loving and giving toward one another as we have been in the past, even as we wrestle with issues that threaten to divide us.

I know you are praying with me, you mighty prayer warriors! And if we can keep loving one another and if we continue to keep our focus on Christ, I believe we can remain intact as a church. So, let's continue to love like Christ loves. Let's continue to care for one another. Let's continue to invest in our Christian relationships — not just at Rinn UMC, but also throughout our entire wrestling Church.

See you on Sunday,  
Lin

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God,  
and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.  
Anyone who does not love does not know God,  
because God is love.” 1 John 4:7-8

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## **NEW MEMBERS!**



It was a joyous day at Rinn on April 28th as we were able to  
welcome three new members into our community!  
Welcome, Janice, Sheila, and Patsy! It is great to have you  
with us officially.

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## **COWBOY FELLOWSHIP 20th ANNIVERSARY**

It was a wild party at Cowboy Fellowship for the 20th anniversary celebration. For those who missed it, here are some pictures!







## **THE BAD GUYS ARE AT IT AGAIN!**

A Message From Rev. Lin:

There is another fake text going around, claiming to be from me and asking for gift cards. Please spread the word: I will NEVER do that. If we need more gifts cards, I will ask either in the weekly newsletter or via announcements in church. I will NEVER send a cryptic message saying I am out of town and need your help, or that I am in a meeting and need you

to do me a favor. Please don't respond to those texts, as it only encourages them to keep after you. If you are really unsure, please call a number you know is mine, or check with the church office or someone you trust. Let's be wise as serpents and gentle as doves and not fall for these schemes!

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## **MOTHER'S DAY HAT CONTEST!**

Get your hat-itude on this Mother's Day, May 12th. Wear your best hat to church and you might win a prize! Our judges will decide the winner and award the prize during fellowship time after worship.

You don't have to be a mother to wear a hat or win the prize. And if you don't feel like wearing a hat, that's okay, too. Just come and enjoy the fun as we say, "Hats off to all the wonderful women in our community."

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## **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY**

Mondays 7:00-9:00pm April 29 to June 24, 2024

Rinn United Methodist Church

Coordinator: Michael Rowley

Learn how to take control of your money, attack debt with a vengeance, save for emergencies, invest wisely and build wealth, and still be able to give generously (the best part).

Mike has helped to lead FPU eight times, over the years. The program is geared to fine tune the way you look at earning, spending, and saving. This class is open to Rinn members and the community. The cost is \$80 per household for the class (in-person or virtual), a year of access to video lessons, a free one-on-one financial coaching session, and a number of other digital bonuses.

Email Mike with any questions or to join the class.

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## **CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Rev. Lin would like to hold a Confirmation Class for anyone who:

1. Was baptized as an infant or child;
2. Has not been Confirmed in any other Catholic or Protestant Church;

3. Is at least 13 years old, or deemed mature enough to understand what is being pledged (there is no upper age limit and adults are welcome to be confirmed now if they haven't already done so).

Anyone interested in Confirmation should contact Rev. Lin at her email, or talk to her any Sunday after worship.

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## **RINN UMC FAMILY CAMPOUT**

The Outreach Committee is looking for two co-leaders to help put together a family friendly campout. We would arrive at our campsite on Friday night, go for a hike and do a few activities on Saturday and have a campfire program that night. We would come home on Sunday after having breakfast and a short worship service.

Dates TBD, but if you might be interested, email Mike to let him know if you can help and how many people your family might bring.

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## **UPDATES ON WATER FILTERS FOR HAITI**

If you missed the building session on March 16th, Christ in the Caribbean still has about 12 systems for building personal emergency water filter buckets available. For every system they sell, they can gift two filters for Haiti.

Also, Sawyer Filters has agreed to let friends and family get in on the emergency filter kit fundraiser. They will order the filters through the CitC website and let Sawyer know that this is for the CitC fundraiser. For every kit purchased, two filters will be given for use in Haiti. This offer will only be made for 60 days, so keep an eye on this space for the starting date.

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## **CHRIST IN THE CARRIBEAN IS ONLINE**

For the last two years, we have discussed the Christ in the Caribbean clean water mission in Haiti. Michael Rowley has announced that the website for this mission work is now available online at [citcwater.org](http://citcwater.org)

Check out the site to see a snapshot of the organization. Check in from time-to-time to see news and upcoming events. Leave a message on the

Contact form if you wish to be added to the CitC email list. We will only use your contact information to notify you on updates with the program.

Thanks to everyone at Rinn United Methodist Church for the prayers and support you have shown.

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## **KIDS' HOPE MENTOR NEEDED!**

Legacy Elementary has informed us that they have a first grader who could benefit from having a mentor. If you're interested in this opportunity to help out a young person, please let Diana know (720-354-1432) or see her in church for information. Remember it's just 1 hour/1 day a week.

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## **"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.

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## **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?



This quarter, 15 households used a card tied to Rinn, netting us a donation of \$158.21!

If you're not one of the 15, please consider signing up! Every little bit helps!

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## Movie Night at Rinn!

Join us at Rinn United Methodist Church at 3783 Bella Rosa Parkway in Frederick for our "Movie Night" series! We will gather on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month to watch another episode. We will be watching *The Chosen*, a series about the journey of Jesus as he calls his disciples, heals the sick, and sacrifices himself for humanity. Episodes vary in length from 20 minutes to 90 minutes. It's casual, so bring your popcorn or your snack and drink (no adult beverages please) and enjoy this series with like-minded followers of Jesus. Feel free to bring friends and family, too! We'll meet for about 90 minutes.

We start right at 7:00 p.m. so please be timely and arrive a few minutes early. If you have any questions, contact Shelly Anderson at 720-280-6398 or Mary Stoothoff at 303-875-9488.



April 25 2024

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

May 5 • 9:30 a.m.

**Scripture**  
**Acts 10:44-48**

*Message*  
**“Calculating Our Withholding”**

**Livestreamed on Facebook:**  
**to access our Facebook page, click [HERE](#).**  
**To follow along with the service, the Order of Worship is [HERE](#).**

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**Adult Bible Study • Sundays at 8:00 a.m.**

Starting February 18, 2024 we will be looking at Christianity and other world religions. Please join us for engaging conversation this Sunday!  
All are welcome!

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**WHILE SCOTT'S RECOVERING**

Please pray for Scott's continued healing.  
Please send cards to Shelly's address: 8284 CR 7, Longmont CO 80504

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**WHILE JULIE'S RECOVERING**

Julie also needs prayers and good wishes for her continued healing.  
She's home, and you can send cards to her house: 1555 E 133rd Ave.,  
Thornton CO 80241

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**CHEST FREEZER MISSING**

Our small chest freezer that was in our storage shed is missing! If someone has it or knows where it might be could they please just leave it off by the storage shed with no questions asked.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR**  
**LYNNE ANDERSON MEMORIAL**

**JULY 27, 2024 AT 11:00 AM**  
**WITH RECEPTION TO FOLLOW**

\*\*Mindy would like to thank all of Rinn for their thoughts and prayers during this time of sorrow.

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**DIRECTORY UPDATE**

We are hoping to have a working copy of the directory soon!!  
PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORMS in the narthex on the table by the office. Fill out only the information you are comfortable with! There is front and a back to each form. Make sure to mark if you want to be included in the directory.

If you have any question, please email the church office. ([info@rinnumc.org](mailto:info@rinnumc.org))

THANK YOU!

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**Refreshments for after Worship sign-up**

- April 28th: Janice & Sheila
- May 5th: Sue Oliver & Linda Rinn
- May 12th: ?????
- May 19th: Marsha Wood
- May 26th: ?????
- June 2nd: Genell Hulstrom

**NOTE: PLEASE CONTINUE TO SIGN UP FOR THE 12TH AND LATER DATES**

If you haven't yet taken a turn, please consider signing up for the dates in May and June. 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)

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## **We Need Your Help with Refreshments after Worship!**

Dear Refreshment Volunteers,

Thank you so much for volunteering to provide cookies/snacks for our fellowship time after church. We want to make it as easy and stress-free as possible. Here are some guidelines, for the present time at least, (things are always changeable when it comes to snacks!)

- 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.

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)

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## ***Via Mobility for Life***

Providing rides for residents:  
Seniors 60+, disabled, and income qualified.  
Dacono, Frederick & Firestone  
303-444-3043

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**Cowboy Fellowship**  
**Wednesdays at 7pm at Rinn**





**5/8: Mark Peterman**

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### ***May Birthdays***

3 Jim Nelson  
6 Terry Johnson  
8 Bill Longstraith  
20 Renee Kemnetz  
20 Dagney Novak  
21 Ruth Fuss  
27 Mary Long

### ***Happy Anniversary to:***

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

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## In Our Prayers

- Prayers for peace in Haiti and other current war-torn areas, and especially for Yong Hui McDonald, a UMC missionary in Haiti.
- Prayers for continued healing for Scott, Sharon, Cindy, Wayne, Alan, Karen, Rhoda, Torrie, and all others suffering from cancer.
- Prayers of healing for Diana's daughter Michelle.
- Prayers for Justin's backpack ministry for the unhoused.
- Prayers for Edgar in his journey to Washington D.C.
- Prayers for Lin's friend Richard whose wife Linda died.
- Prayers for John, who is looking for work.
- Prayers of continued healing for Julie.
- Prayers for Lisa, that the mass found in her pancreas is benign.
- Prayers for Mike's hearing loss.
- Continued prayers for Hunter and the Presnall family.
- Prayers of healing for Ashley.
- Prayers of healing for Tom Mason, who is in the hospital.
- Prayers for Jerry Barlow, who has ALS.
- Prayers for Teena's nephew's family upon the death of Lee
- Prayers of healing for Ann Napier, who had a hip replacement.
- Prayers of healing for Larry, who is having open heart surgery.
- Prayers for meaningful employment for those who are looking for work, and for those who are transitioning to new jobs.
- Prayers of comfort for Ruth who is in hospice (and for the technology that allowed John to received that prayer request, even if it was in error)
- Prayers for all those suffering from the recent tornadoes.
- Prayers of thanks from Justin and Eric for the support of this church.
- Prayers of thanks for those that financially support the church.
- Prayers of thanks for the wonderful Cowboy Fellowship anniversary and seeing old friends.
- Travel mercies for Cindy and JR on their cruise.

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](#).

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## Weekly Activity Schedule

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

***Thursday-Saturday 5/2-5/4***  
**9:00am Sewing Retreat in Fellowship Hall**

***Friday 5/3***

7:00pm A.A. in Fellowship Hall

***Sunday 5/5***

8:00am Adult Bible Study

8:15am Men's Koffee Klub

9:30am Worship Service

***Tuesday 5/7***

1:00pm Knitting Group

***Wednesday 5/8***

8:45am Breakfast Fellowship at Maggie's

10:30a Wednesday Brunch Bunch Bible Study at Bev Ramsey  
home

7:00pm Cowboy Fellowship

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**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

Treasurer: Sue Mercer

Finance Secretary: Steve Sterkel

Cowboy Fellowship: Mike Shaw

Nominations: Rev. Lin Cheek

Worship Committee: Rev. Lin Cheek





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