

Rinn Newsletter 8/28/25-9/3/25

Have a Safe and Blessed Labor Day Weekend!

From the Minister's Mac

A gift can take many shapes. Sometimes it is exactly what is needed exactly when it is needed. Sometimes we don't recognize it as a gift when it is given but learn to appreciate it later. And sometimes, it's a rock.

Let me explain.

Our youngest grandchild is a precocious 6-year-old who moves so quickly and stealthily that she can't be tracked with radar. In addition to being a marvel of perpetual motion, she is funny, and generous. She has given us several pictures, shown me how to make paper flowers and how to fly paper airplanes (which we find all over the house after she is gone), helped Grandpa make Baked Ziti, and given us rocks.

Yes, rocks. Little, gravelly, pink and gray rocks. Some are shiny. Some are round. Some are jagged. Some are teeny tiny. Some are grouped in threes and fours. Some hold their own place of honor. Whatever their size, shape, or grouping, they are all absolutely intended as gifts.

She presents a palmful of them to us the minute she arrives, running to put them in the bookcase that holds several objects for display. She places them carefully, putting them in front of our other curios. We now have 42 small nuggets all scattered across the shelves. As a special bonus, in among the rocks are a tiny kitty charm and an iridescent butterfly. She never called attention to those bonus gifts. She just placed them near the picture of Brian and I, and let us find the surprise ourselves.

It makes me smile.

I love the other items that I carefully placed on those shelves, but I confess, my favorites are now the plain little rocks that will outshine any work of art we could find or make, because they were thoughtfully collected, lovingly presented, and tenderly placed, all for our happiness. I think it would be a sin not to be happy about that.

I see these precious gifts every day and am reminded of the gifts we receive from God. God's gifts are just as thoughtfully, lovingly and tenderly given, although they may not seem like gifts at first. They may be simple gifts that elude our notice, gifts of people who have need, or resources we can share, or even God's presence in hard times. These are the gifts that may slip by us if we are not paying attention.

Where are the rocks in your life? Where are the surprise gifts hidden among the simple rocks? How has God showered you with an abundance of gifts that are scattered across your life? Our love for God calls us to count it all a blessing, and treasure each gift as if it were the stuff of life.

Even the rocks.

See you in church,
Lin

**“They remembered that God was their rock,
the Most High God their redeemer.” Psalm 78:35**

Rinn Charge Conference October 30th

Our Annual Charge Conference this year will be held on **Thursday night, October 30th, at 7pm via Zoom**. We will watch a video message from Bishop Stoneking, review the pastor's report, review and approve our leadership roster, approve the 2026 Clergy Compensation, review the Membership and Worship Attendance Report, vote on our Commitment to Connectional Giving in 2026, and hear reports on building repairs, our financial overview, and the needs of the church. A Charge Conference Booklet is lovingly prepared by our Office Manager Julie Stirm for use at our Charge Conference. It contains reports on the above mentioned areas as well as reports prepared by various ministry leaders. Your Church Council attends this meeting every year; however, everyone is invited to this annual meeting. To attend, just send your email to Rev. Lin and she will make sure you get on the list to receive the Zoom Link. If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to have a Charge Conference Booklet to review, just let Julie know and she will make sure you get one.

~ Rinn Worship Service ~

In Person and Livestreamed on Facebook

August 31, 2025 ~ 9:30am

Scripture

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Message

“Family”

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](#)

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.



Movie Night at Rinn



Please join us for Movie Night at Rinn! We will meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday of each Month. August meeting dates will be the 14th and 28th. If you have any questions, Please contact Shelly Anderson.

Rinn Cowboy Christian Fellowship

Wednesday Nights at 7:00pm

9/3/25 Cowboy Corral-Eliza, Bill, Galen and Ann



Rinn Back-to-School Ice Cream Social and “Talent” Show

Enjoy homemade ice cream, a chance to socialize, and a show featuring the many talents of the Rinn community, **September 6th at 3:00pm.**

Would you like to perform in the show? Have you always wanted to show off your ability to sing, dance, play an instrument, or recite the “Who’s on First?” skit with your best friend? Sign up on the sheet on the welcome table with who’s in your act, a short description, an approximate amount of time it will take, and an email address where someone in your group can be contacted. Or just talk to Suzanne. If we have too many acts, priority will be given to those that contain a participant under 18. Talent is permitted, but certainly not required.

Do your talents tend more to the visual or tactile arts? Do you draw, paint, sculpt, sew, knit, crochet, or quilt? We will also be having a display for those kind of talents! Sign up with your name and the approximate size of the piece you want to show.

“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

- August 31st-
- September 7th
- September 14th-Janice Henderson
- September 21st

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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Noah's Community Outreach

You PROBABLY know Noah's Community Outreach collects clothing and hygiene items throughout the year, to distribute (in backpacks) to people in our community who are unhoused. Right now we are prepping for winter, buying sleeping bags and watching for sales on warm clothing, socks, etc. Last year we distributed 37-ish backpacks; this coming year we hope to distribute 50 or more.

You MAY know Noah's Community Outreach provides Saturday night supper, twice a month, for people who stay overnight in the Hope for Longmont shelter (usually about 30 guests).

You MAY NOT know - we are now partnering with Hope for Longmont to provide lunches throughout the week. Hope for Longmont serves 300 lunches each month at their food bank location, and another 100 as their outreach team meets people around town who need and will accept support. Each week, we provide supplies like sandwiches, snacks, drinks, and fruit for them to distribute. This week we took them some hard-boiled eggs! We by no means meet the entire need, but we are helping.

Want to know more? Want to share ideas or suggestions? Want to get involved? Great! Please talk to Justin or Betsy.

Noah's Community Outreach receives some grant funding from Rinn UMC, and is also supported by donations in time, resources, and \$ from the congregation.

In Our Prayers

COMFORT

- Continued prayers for Hunter, and for God to place people in his path that might lead him closer to God.
- For Scott's cousin's father who is in hospice.
- For Peace in Gaza and Ukraine, and all other war-torn areas in our world.
- Travel mercies for all those traveling this summer.
- For those suffering from recent fires and floods.
- Continued prayers for Eric and Justin's Uncle Mark.
- For all who grieve with us this day, especially for Diana and family for the loss of Terry, Barry and family for the loss of Jessica, and Tom Mason's family, for his loss.
- Travel mercies for all who are on the road traveling, especially for Wayne and Marsha.
- Shelly asks prayers for her brother and sister-in-law, for strength and comfort.
- For those who lost loved ones and are dealing with the aftermath of the shootings in Minnesota.

HEALING

- From Colleen, for 9-year-old Fayden, who is still having health issues after a heart-transplant, although the heart is good.
- For Rob who has throat cancer and prayers that God will take cancer out of this world completely.
- For Justin & Eric's Uncle Mark who the doctors don't feel they can help without doing more damage. May they find a way to help him!
- For Janice's daughter-in-law Sue, a double lung transplant recipient having other health troubles.
- For Diana's daughter, who has finished cancer treatment and is doing well, continued healing.
- For Linda Rinn recovering from a fall
- Terry asks prayers for Shane who is having heart surgery. He is only 39 and the surgery is very risky
- Continued prayers for healing for all those recovering from falls, especially Manny, and Linda.

THANKSGIVING

- For the ability to travel, and prayers for all those who are on the move for recreation or relocation.
- Thanks to Sharon for making her famous choke-cherry jelly.
- Abby offers prayers of thanksgiving that she is back in school.
- Lacy offers thanks to God for the healing that is happening with her coworker Manny after his fall at work. He is speaking and walking and walking now and she thanks all of you for your prayers

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*. 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 9/3

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 9/5

7:00pm New Hope AA

Saturday 9/6

2:00pm Ice Cream Social and Talent Show

Sunday 9/7

8:00am Adult Bible Study

8:15am Men's Koffee Klub

9:30am Worship Service

August Birthdays

2 Josh Hunt
3 Bryson Chapman
3 Emery Chapman
3 Lily May Presnall
4 Shelly Anderson
5 David Gray
6 Eric Riggs
9 Nikki Dellow
13 Rae Ann Norell
13 Wayne Vinson

16 Adi Fox
18 Weston Novak
19 Ron Hinkle
21 Patty Nelson
21 Lisa Johnson
26 Ginny Stuart
27 Kaylee Grabowski
27 Laurene Grabowski
30 Nina Cohen
31 Sue Mercer

Happy August Anniversary To...

16 Ed & Toni Dellow (1983)
17 Rusty & Jenny Goetze (1996)
23 Michael & Barb Abney (1975)

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