

Rinn Newsletter 2/12/26-2/18/26

From the Minister's Mac

“Ashes to Ashes”

Ash Wednesday is fast approaching, the first day of the season of Lent, a time of self-examination, repentance, prayer, fasting, and meditating on Scripture. Many churches, including ours, will have a special Ash Wednesday service, which includes the imposition of ashes as a sign of our dependence on the grace of God and our recognition of our mortality and need for forgiveness.

Sounds heavy, right? Well, that's probably why Ash Wednesday service is one of the least attended of all worship services, along with Good Friday and the Blue Christmas service. Could it be that we don't like that part of our faith? Is it that we don't like to think about sin, loss, and death? Are we really that kind of Christian that, while we want to accept the grace of God, we don't want to contemplate what it cost Jesus and we certainly don't want to contemplate what it costs us?

I believe most Christians consider service to others a large part of the Christian life. We give of our resources and our very selves out of love for our community and beyond. We are unselfish, unpretentious, down-to-earth people concerned with the spiritual and physical health of our neighbors. All of that is very good and commendable, but is hard to sustain without a little bit of inward focus on our own relationship with God, our identity as Christians, our rejection of sin, and our openness to the power of the Holy Spirit.

Sometimes we get so busy doing for others that we forget to take time to search our own hearts and identify where we are getting it right and where we are missing the mark. I pray that this Lenten Season, all of us will embark on a private faith journey in which we explore our relationship with God and how we might be more faithful in our everyday lives. And I pray that part of that private journey includes our Ash Wednesday service, 2/18/26, at 7:00 pm.

See you in Church, Lin

“Rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.” Joel 2:13

This Week at Rinn

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

Wednesday 2/18

9:00am Brunch Bunch Breakfast at Doug's Diner
10:30am Bible Study at Bev Ramsey's House
7:00pm Ash Wednesday

Friday 2/20

7:00pm New Hope AA

Saturday 2/21

9:00am UMW Meeting

Sunday 2/22

8:00am Adult Bible Study
8:15am Men's Koffee Klub

~ Rinn Worship Service ~

In Person and Livestreamed on Facebook

February 15, 2026 ~ 9:30am

Scripture & Message

February 15, 2026

Matthew 17:1-9

“FOMO(Fear of Missing Out)”

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](#)

MONDAY NIGHT LENTEN STUDY

A Four-Week Study via Zoom

“GIFTED & TALENTED:

Discover and Use Your Spiritual Gifts”

3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23 at 7:00 PM

Using Rev. Jeremy Scott's book, "Gifted & Talented: Discover and Use Your Spiritual Gifts," we will explore using the gifts we know we possess and developing gifts we might not have discovered yet! This study is based on Scripture and includes an AI Gifts Assessment of your Spiritual Gifts. See Rev. Lin to sign up and get a book.

3/2 Lenten Study Week One — You have a part to play!

In Romans 12:1-13, Paul encourages believers to use their gifts. He also warns, "don't think of yourself more highly than you ought," but Rev. Scott suggests, "our modern problem is often the opposite: we think too little of ourselves and our gifts. We are all gifted. The first step is to recognize and name those gifts."

3/9 Lenten Study Week Two — The Speaking Gifts

In 1 Corinthians 14:1-12, Paul is providing space and opportunity for people to grow and share their gifts. This week, we explore the gifts of Prophecy, Teaching, and Exhorting and Look at practical ways we build up, clarify, and challenge one another in daily life.

3/16 Lenten Study Week Three — The Action Gifts

In the Gospel of John, Chapter 13:12-20, Jesus demonstrates the power of servant Leadership. This week we explore the gifts of Serving, Giving and Leading, and discuss how they are expressed through simple kindness, practical generosity, and servant-hearted Influence.

3/23 Lenten Study Week Four — The Heart and the How

In the Gospel of John, Chapter 8:1-11, Jesus stops a stoning and, perhaps more miraculously for his time, does not condemn the woman awaiting her fate. This week, we explore the core gift of Mercy as the choice for reconciliation over retribution, and to synthesize the entire book's content into a practical, actionable plan for living out our gifts in every area of life.

OUR LENTEN AND EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE AT RINN

2/18 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE — 7:00 pm

“Journey to the Cross: A Drama for Ash Wednesday” by Rev. Lin Cheek

Two Pharisees talk about Jesus, sharing their encounters with “the cause of all our trouble,” as they risk their own standing in the community trying to get to know Jesus. The service includes Scripture, music, and the imposition of ashes.

SUNDAY WORSHIP DURING LENT:

2/22 Matthew 4:1-11 How do we stand up to temptation? Does God lead us into it or out of it, or both? Special Music by Scott Anderson.

3/1 John 3:1-17 Do we have trouble understanding the lessons of Jesus? How much can we relate to the confusion of Nicodemus?

3/8 John 4:5-42 Jesus offers a new concept of bread and water, and a new kind of life! Special Music by Closer Walk.

3/15 John 9:1-41 Would we witness about Jesus if we knew we would be run out of town, like the blind man? Special Music by Blaine Lee on Bagpipes.

3/22 John 11:1-45 Transformative faith calls us to join Martha’s confession and proclaim, “Yes, Lord, I believe!” Special Music by Rinn Choir

3/29 Matthew 21:1-11 PALM SUNDAY! Jesus enters Jerusalem and many wonder who Jesus is. Special Music by Rinn Choir.

4/1 MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE — 7PM: John 13:1-16, 31b-35
Tonight, we take on the role Jesus told us to fill — that of a servant — by washing one another’s feet or hands. No communion will be served at this service.
Special Music: by Shelly Anderson, Janice Bachmann and Rhonda Ritter

OUR LENTEN AND EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE AT RINN (Cont.)

4/2 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE — 7PM

“At the Foot of the Cross” — A Drama for Good Friday by Rev. Lin Cheek
As events unfold after Jesus’ arrest, his mother Mary, Mary Magdalene and Joseph of Arimathea try to comfort one another. The service includes special music and Scripture.

4/5 EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE — 6:30 AM: Colossians 3:1-4

Focus: Remember, you have died in Christ and are raised with Christ.
Hallelujah!!
Special Music: by Shelly Anderson

POTLUCK BREAKFAST BETWEEN THE TWO SERVICES,
BEGINNING AT 7:30 AM

TRADITIONAL EASTER SERVICE — 9:30 am: John 20:1-18

Focus: How do we respond to transformation? Do we leave? Believe?
Proclaim? Or all of the above? Communion will be served at this service.
Special Music: by Rinn Choir and Scott Anderson

Refreshments After Worship

February 15– Sue Mercer

February 22–Janice Henderson

March 1–Sue Oliver & Linda Rinn

***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)

Update on Noah's Community Outreach

DATE CHANGE!!!

Backpack stuffing is now planned for **Saturday, March 7, at noon.** Come on to Justin's place! Justin will cook a main dish, please bring sides if you want to. We will eat together and then make quick work of the Backpacks.

Betsy

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"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.



Movie Night at Rinn

Please join us every 2nd and 4th Thursday of each Month at 7:00pm.

The next movie night is February 12th and 26th.

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!

Cowboy Fellowship 7:00pm Wednesday Night's at Rinn UMC



**Eddie Kendrick
February 25, 1016**

Colorado Front Range District Gathering 2026

February 28, 2026

Please join us for the annual Colorado Front Range District Gathering on Saturday February 28, 2026 from 8:30am-3:00pm.



GOD'S KALEIDOSCOPE

Registration is OPEN!!!

Broomfield United Methodist Church
545 W 10th Ave
Broomfield, CO 80020

Go to link for more information.

In Our Prayers

COMFORT

- For those affected by the fires in Northeast CO.
- For those in war torn areas, and for those experiencing violence on their streets, particularly in Minnesota.
- Travel mercies for Bethany and all those on the road in this cold weather.
- For Diana Murray after her losses.

HEALING

- For Wayne's Aunt Linda. She was doing better but now is not. Prayers for her, for the family and for the hospice team.
- Healing prayers for Jenny and Rusty's niece April, who has cancer.
- For Rev. Lin's Brother who had his foot amputated, and for all who are dealing with diabetes.
- For Amber and Jeff as Amber receives a complicated spinal/neck surgery and for a quick recovery.
- Aleta's brother who was diagnosed with cancer, and all those suffering from cancer.
- Patty, who fell and needs an MRI

THANKSGIVING

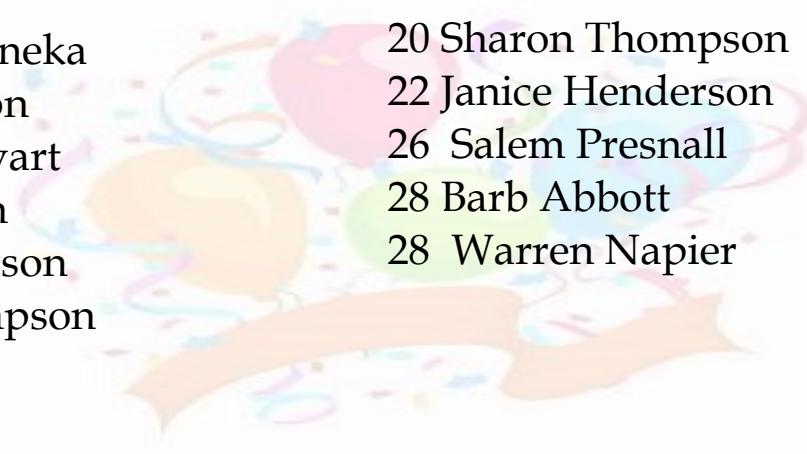
- Thanks for this church and our church family.
- Thanks for the choir and that Rhonda is our new Choir Director.
- Thanks for the moments God helps us see the small problem before it becomes a big problem.
- For Sue on the joy of her first great-great granddaughter.
- Bruce and Jan give thanks and are grateful for all the prayers for Amber and Jeff –Amber's surgery went well-recovery will take time.

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.

February Birthdays

11 LaRissa Waneka
13 Elaine Bolton
14 Denise Stewart
17 Lisa Johnson
19 Scott Anderson
19 Larry Thompson

20 Sharon Thompson
22 Janice Henderson
26 Salem Presnall
28 Barb Abbott
28 Warren Napier



Happy February Anniversary To...

17 Glenn & Janice Bachmann (1979)

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: Janice Bachman
Lay Leader: Bonnie Clark
United Methodist Women: Sharon Goldade
Treasurer: Sue Mercer
Finance Secretary: Steve Sterkel
Finance Chair: Janice Bachmann
Nominations: Rev. Lin Cheek
Worship Committee: Betsy Foushee
Office Manager: Julie Stirm
Audio/Visual Tech Chair: Wayne Vinson
SPR Chair: Janice Bachmann
Members: Eric Presnall, Linda Rinn,
Scott Lawrence, Diana Murray, Dave Boyd,
Mike Carr, Rusty Goetz